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Public Invited To Dedication Of New Fire Station

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The Fire Department is moving into their new headquarters on Main Street and the whole town is invited to the dedication ceremony on Saturday, October 19th.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tours of the new \$1.77 million facility will run throughout the day until 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said, "We're very proud of how the building turned out and we're hoping everyone in town will come down and see their new fire station."

U.S. Representative Richard Neal has been invited to attend, as well as State Senator Linda Melconian, State Representative Daniel Keenan, members of the Town Council, and School Committee, Johnson said.

Retired Agawam Fire Chief Russell Jenks is expected to attend, along with the members of the building committee.

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A DEDICATION CEREMONY AND OPEN HOUSE starting at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 19th will be held at the new Main Street Fire Station. The public is cordially invited to the ceremony and to tour the new facility. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Haunted Hay Ride A Blast At Fini's Farm



LONG-TIME PLANT GROWER AL FINI has "The Great Pumpkin Adventure" at his James Street Farm on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event includes a haunted hay ride and lots of fun. Display advertisement on Page 31. Related photos & story in Families Section. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Petition Battle Begins To Reduce Size Of Council

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The duel is on. The weapons: petitions at 20 paces. At stake: the reduction of the Town Council to seven members or the possibility of dismantling the mayoral form of government.

One-time political rivals in the town's first mayoral election back in 1989 kicked off a joint campaign aimed at the reduction of the council from 11 to seven members, just days after that same council voted to support the formation of an elected Charter Review Commission.

Late last week, Attorney Anthony Bonavita and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson launched a petition drive to change the town's charter by reducing the number of councilors from 11 to seven.

Bonavita said he was alarmed by a common thread running through the testimony of proponents of a plan to petition for a ballot question to elect a Charter Revision Commission at a public hearing before the council on Monday, October 7th.

Bonavita said he watched the meeting from home and found a common thread aimed at dismantling the Office of Mayor by a group of people who are unhappy with the Mayor's policies.

"Just because you don't like the Mayor, you don't go after him by dismantling the government when you can't get at him through the ballot box," Bonavita said.

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OUT WITH THE OLD: Fire Chief David Pisano is waving bye-bye to the old Elm Street Fire Station. The new station has opened right around the corner on Main Street. A fire museum has been suggested for the old station. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

OPEN HOUSE AT NEW FIRE STATION - from Page 1...

The department's new fire apparatus will be on display with the new ambulance and emergency medical equipment.

Fire Chief David Pisano said the office staff has already moved into the new administration wing of the headquarters and the firefighters will move in by the end of the week. Waiting for furniture and the radio equipment necessary to connect the headquarters to the dispatch center forced a delay in opening the new station.

Pisano said there will be coloring books, badges, and fire hats for the kids and fire prevention information for the adults during the open house.

"We'll have our new truck on display and our ambulance and EMS Bronco. The people can take a look at the emergency medical equipment like the defibrillators and we may even take a few blood pressures," Pisano said.

Improved Work Environment

"We're absolutely excited about the new headquarters," Pisano said. "This is a much better work environment with enough room for the fire inspector to have a drafting table and for us to have private office space."

Pisano said the new fire station has been in the works since the Ottawa Street Station was closed 18 years ago.

"It's a beautiful building in a key section of town," Pisano said. "We have a functional, efficient fire station that fits in with the rest of the area."

Johnson said the architecture of the colonial style building was chosen to fit into the neighborhood in terms of both design and symmetry. The building meets all current seismic specifications so that it can serve as a disaster center.

Pisano said the public is being asked to park at St. John's Church across the street or at the Baptist Church next door.

"We can't have anyone parking on-site," Pisano said. "The churches have agreed to let us use their parking lots."

Bike Path Concerns To Be Aired At October 23rd Meeting

In response to concerns expressed by residents regarding the proposed bikelane along River Road, representatives of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) will be presenting alternative route alignments for the section of the bikelane beneath the South End Bridge at a meeting to be held on October 23, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Yacht Club, 1210 River Road.

Joe Superneau, Project Director for VHB, has prepared two alternative routes to that proposed during the 25 percent design public hearing. Residents and other interested individuals are asked to attend the meeting to provide input.

For additional information, contact Deborah Dachos at 786-0400, ext. 283.

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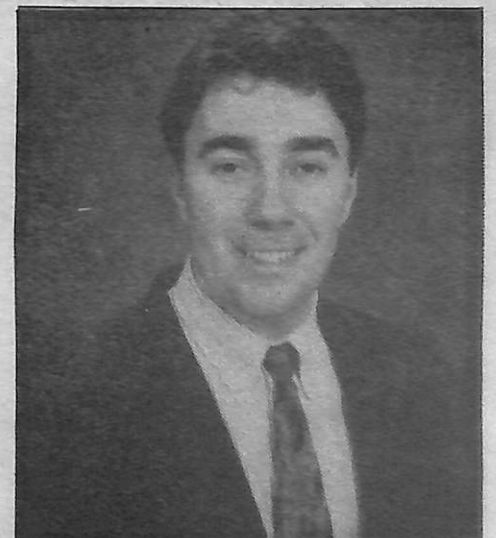
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Letters To The Editor

Concert Proves To Be Menace To Our Community

To The Editor:

I would like to begin my letter by reaffirming to my family, my friends and the Town of Agawam that although I am officially grown up, married and responsible, I can still enjoy a good time.

The recent concert event at Riverside Park has, however, caused me to draw the line. Riverside Park and Ed Carroll have both contributed greatly to our area generally, and the Town of Agawam specifically. The recent concert held at Riverside has definitely put all positive contributions in jeopardy. This event was totally out of control, a menace to the community and a total intrusion to our neighborhood's well-being.

During this event, the participants were totally out of control and a number of arrests were made. The noise level was so loud that the closed windows of my house were rattling and my young son was unable to sleep. Is this what you would consider a "good neighbor"?

I enjoy a good time and really appreciate a lively concert, but when this music is so invasive and disruptive that my family can't ignore it, I find this to be an invasion of my freedom to express myself.

It may be long overdue that the citizens of Agawam should realize that these events are not appropriate, and that we as taxpayers should not have to pay to corral and restrain the participants of such events. I do not feel that I should have to get in my car and ride the congested highways to find a place where I can open my windows to find peace and quiet!

John F. Kozub
Agawam

Debate About Christianity Continued By Reader

To The Editor:

Tonight, I write to thank the good Rev. Peter Monahan for his eloquent and reasoned response to my letter. To be sure, Bishop Pike was no less influenced by certain Hindu beliefs (as expressed to him, I'm sure, by the so-called Theosophy movement) than the Rev. Frei Betto was by historical materialism, or Carl Jung by certain alchemical principles.

While I can appreciate the scriptural edifice of Rev. Monahan's argument, I do not equate the rejection of Christian orthodoxy with the rejection of Christ Himself - and that would appear to be what, through his practice, Bishop Pike has been accused of. I do not know how the Lubavitch movement might interpret the passage from Deuteronomy, but they might find themselves astounded to learn that their Qabalistic exegesis has been included within its purview. The living tradition I share "draws from many sources," as the CUUPS Executive Committee has argued, and my consideration of them implies neither my rejection of, nor subscription to, their paradigmatic

point of origin.

Now, Bishop Pike would appear to have Witchcraft, as well as Hinduism, attributed to him, due to practice. To the best of my knowledge, this Episcopal Bishop subscribed to neither Wicca, nor Hinduism, but rather rejected polytheistic religion. What the late Bishop practiced were forms of divination that, while unquestionably part of many Wiccan or Hindu practices, do not and have not exclusively defined polytheistic practice.

His point of departure from orthodox Christianity was in mysticism, from which no rejection of the Christ is inferred. Were the word "Christian" more narrowly defined to so regulate our spiritual practice, then I could name a great many Roman Catholic saints no less deserving of the "Witch" or "Hindu" label as well.

Ultimately, my very own belief is that transition is fraught with error, lending even Deuteronomy to multiple interpretations not one which preempts the other. What is infallible is the very same intellectual intuition that Christ's immanence makes possible.

However that concept of immanence may be some be deemed heretical, it does not necessarily polytheistic religion make, but rather the dialectical relationship between text or faith with interlocutor that will often characterize a living mytho-poetical tradition as that which the late Bishop aspired to.

Heretical? Yes, and also Christian.

Owen Broadhurst
Agawam

CCBA President Claims Letter Was Misleading

To The Editor:

Dear Kenneth Roberts, Project Director
Berkshire Power:

In a notice you sent out to business professionals, vendors and laborers dated October 7, 1996, you invited them to a procurement seminar for Berkshire Power, on October 21, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. at the Oaks Banquet Facility.

In your letter, you stated that ... "The Berkshire Power project has received its state and local permits, and construction is scheduled to begin next year..."

This quote insinuates that Berkshire Power has received ALL PERMITS NECESSARY TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION. This is not completely accurate, is it Ken? Does Berkshire Power REALLY have the local permits it needs? In fact, this statement comes as a big surprise not only to me, but also to the Agawam Building Inspector and the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals. Ken, members of the CCBA have spoken to them. They said that you do NOT have the local permits needed to begin construction.

Sorry, Ken, but I don't believe you. I will be at your seminar on October 21st at 11:00 a.m. Would you please bring with you all the local permits you need to begin construction, so everyone can see them? Unfortunately for the residents of Agawam, Berkshire Power has been less than truthful in the past, and I believe, continues to be now.

Instead of a showdown at High Noon, Ken, why don't you and I have a **show and tell** at 11:00 a.m. on October 21, 1996? You **show** me the local permits you need to begin construction, **and** you can **tell** me to get lost. Or you can **show** a little class, **and tell** everyone the truth, that **BERKSHIRE POWER DOESN'T HAVE THE LOCAL PERMITS YOU NEED TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION.**

Once again, your credibility is suspect. See you on the 21st.

Sincerely,
Ken Forni
CCBA President

Agawam Obituaries

Albert A. Malone

Albert A. Malone, 84, formerly of 416 Silver St., Agawam, an area farm and garden owner, died in East Longmeadow. He was an auxiliary police officer in the 1940's and 50's for the West Springfield Police Department.

In 1964, he founded the Malone Farm & Garden Center in Agawam. Born in Springfield, he was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam. He was a charter member of Agawam's Unico Club and the recipient of the 1991 Unico Man of the Year Award.

He also belonged to the Agawam Lion's Club and was a former town meeting member. He leaves his wife of 63 years, the former Frances Szumna; a daughter, Beverly M. Ladizki of Suffield, CT; and a sister, Anna Crane of Agawam.

The funeral was at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Church Building Maintenance Fund, 833 Main St., Agawam, 01001, or to Chestnut Hill Nursing & Rehab Center, Resident Council, 32 Chestnut St., East Longmeadow, MA 01106.

Florence M. Howe

Florence M. (Kruszyna) Howe, 65, of 80 North Alhambra Circle, Agawam, a 31-year central supply technician at Baystate Medical Center, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She retired in 1993.

Born in Springfield, she was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church and a longtime Agawam resident.

She leaves her husband, Richard A. Howe; a son, Rick of Agawam; a daughter, Linda J. Progulski of Feeding Hills; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Homes and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

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Monday, October 21st
Agawam/West Springfield
La Leche League meeting
At Grace Lutheran Church,
West Springfield
7:30 p.m.

Call 736-3238 for more info

Tuesday, October 22nd
Annual "Health Expo" at
Agawam Senior Center
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Call 786-0400, ext. 242
for further information

Wednesday, October 23rd
"Fashion Show" by
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At St. John's Parish Center,
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PETITION BATTLE - from Page 1...

Among the issues raised by proponents of the Charter Review Commission were removing the Mayor from the School Committee; requiring council approval for the appointment of department heads; restricting the Mayor's control of the Law Department's consulting budget; allotting a sum of money to be used solely at the council's discretion; and the instituting of a recall procedure for elected town officials.

"I've already told (Town Clerk) Richard Theroux to plan on having the voting machines in operation in the schools at all times, if a recall procedure is instituted," Bonavita said. "Knowing Agawam politics, we'd have a recall vote every week."

Bonavita said a form of government with a weak, ceremonial mayor who is controlled by a strong council would be like bringing back the town manager form of government through the back door.

Councilors' Actions Motivated Petition

Bonavita said the actions of town councilors unable to come to consensus, especially since the last election, motivated him to ask for Johnson's support in reducing the number of councilors. Because voters tend to make more selective choices when there are fewer slots to be filled, a more qualified council could lead to better decisions for the town, Bonavita said.

Johnson told a group of about 20 supporters that their petition would require about 1,500 signatures, or 10 percent of the town's registered voters. If the petition drive is successful, a question will be placed on the November 1997 ballot asking if the Town Council should be reduced to seven members. If the ballot question is approved, the top seven vote-getters would be elected as the Town Council taking office in January 1998.

Johnson said a Charter Revision Commission is a long, drawn-out process, generally used when a town wishes to change their form of government. The recommendations of a Charter Revision Commission are presented as a yes or no proposition encompassing the entire charter.

"To address specific things in the charter is one thing," Johnson said. "But to change the form of government is quite another thing."

Town Councilor Joseph Langone said he felt reduction of the council size was a critical issue for the same reasons given by Bonavita.

"I've had more calls on this issue than any other issue, including Berkshire Power," Langone said. "Out of about 30 calls, only one or two have not agreed with me."

...A Hostile Takeover

Langone called the move for a Charter Revision Commission "Agawam's form of a hostile takeover," and said the town would return to the fiasco that was a town manager government "over my dead body."

Langone was the only councilor to vote against voicing support for the petition to form a Charter Revision Commission.

Council President Nancy Thompson said she voted to support the idea of a Charter Revision Commission because she supports the idea of charter review.

However, Ms. Thompson said that stand did not interfere with her support for a smaller sized Town Council and she intended to collect signatures for the Bonavita/Johnson petition.

"I have felt the size of the council is too large for several years," Ms. Thompson said. "In fact, I supported the idea when Councilor Thomas Ennis introduced it four years ago. I think the council size is too large for our population."

But Councilor Christian Quatrone did not agree. Quatrone said he attended the launch of the petition drive to reduce the council in order to hear both sides of the issue.

Quatrone said he'd like to see an update of the charter under an elected commission. "Let the nine commissioners decide," Quatrone said.

Signatures from 15 percent (approximately 2,500) of the town's registered voters would have to be collected in order for the question seeking an elected charter review commission to appear on the November 1997 ballot. At the same election in which they are voting to create a commission, the voters will elect the nine candidates who will serve on the commission.

If a Charter Commission is elected, it will have 18 months to hold public hearings and prepare a report of its findings. If revisions to the charter are recommended, they must be approved by the voters at the next regular election in the form of one yes or no question.

Agawam Police Dept. Weekly Arrest Blotter

On October 10, 1996, **Geraldo Garcia** of Washington Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding warrant.

On October 12, 1996, **Robert Latonie** of 8 Quarry Road, Granby, CT, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, refusing to stop for a police officer and being a disorderly person.

On October 12, 1996, **Daniel Hess** of 84 Walnut Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance and possession of a class "D" substance with intent to distribute.

On October 12, 1996, **Brian Martino** of 111 Gilbert Avenue, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with possession of a class "D" substance.

On October 12, 1996, **George Pelchat** of 23 Suffolk Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with domestic assault & battery.

Keenan Announces D.A.R.E. Grant To Agawam Police Dept.

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce that the Agawam Police Department has been awarded an FY 97 D.A.R.E. Grant for \$13,000. The funding will be used to maintain the existing D.A.R.E. program and to expand it into the junior and senior high schools.

"The D.A.R.E. program is an integral part of the community's drug prevention program," said Rep. Keenan. "It provides our schoolchildren with the necessary tools to resist the appeal of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs."

D.A.R.E. utilizes uniformed law enforcement officers to teach the formal D.A.R.E. curriculum to students. D.A.R.E. instructors also serve as role models for the students to provide awareness of the dangers of drug abuse and work toward the goal of a smoke-free community.

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“A Piece Of The News”

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Council Nears Hiring Attorney

At its last meeting, the Town Council moved one step closer to hiring an attorney to act as their representative at a public hearing scheduled to be reconvened on Monday, October 21st.

But, the hearing to determine if the misuse of public funds has been allowed by the town administration and the council is expected to be tabled again until the council's first meeting in November.

Councilor **Dennis Perry**, who chaired the subcommittee appointed to search for an independent attorney, said he expected the council to vote to hire attorney **John F. Moriarty** on Monday night and to postpone the public hearing until the retired judge could be present.

At the last council meeting, Perry said the subcommittee recommended hiring Moriarty at an hourly fee of \$200. Perry said conversations with Moriarty had determined that his services would take no more than a maximum of 20 hours, including the length of the public hearing and review time for information submitted during the hearing.

Perry said the funds would be paid through the town's Law Department based on council rule number 38.

Council Vice-President **Jill Simpson** asked for more information on how the subcommittee arrived at the fee of \$200 and requested a resume from Moriarty.

“Do we have anything in writing that this will only take 20 hours?” Mrs. Simpson asked. “I would like to have this buttoned down a little more.”

At presstime, Perry said the documentation requested by Mrs. Simpson would be given to the councilors on Thursday.

Next School Committee Agenda

Upcoming on the School Committee's agenda for next Tuesday night:

— A report on Agawam's scores in last year's Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program (MEAPs testing).

— A report on strategies aimed at improving Agawam's SAT scores.

— Adoption of curricula in language arts and math.

— Presentation of Associate Superintendent **Donald Charest's** plan for spending the sup-

plemental funds made available to the School Department by the Mayor. Included in the funding is \$75,000 added to the school budget; \$75,000 for furniture; \$100,000 in capital improvements in textbooks; and \$300,000 for computer purchases.

LPVS Grant

Six months after receiving a three-year federal grant of \$500,000, the Lower Pioneer Valley School to Career Local Partnership has been designated as a model program by the state, according to **Edward Bouquillon** of the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (LPVEC).

Bouquillon said, “Our partnership has been chosen as one of eight model programs out of 42 across that state. We'll be putting on a presentation at a national school to work conference in the spring.”

With the grant funding, Bouquillon said the local partnership has hired full-time, school-based, and work-based liaisons to work with the high schools in the seven member towns of the LPVEC; established six career centers; and is offering professional development opportunities at no cost to the member districts.

Also, career assessment for students in grades seven through nine has begun, and individualized career portfolios have been established for eighth graders.

The partnership provides funding for staffing the career center at AHS.

Zoning Committee To Meet

There will be a meeting of the Town Council Zoning Review Committee on Tuesday, October 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library to discuss zoning changes.

Council Vice-President **Jill Simpson**, who chairs the subcommittee, said a memo was sent to all the town's department heads, boards, and commissions seeking a list of recommendations for zoning changes that would enhance the quality of life in Agawam.

Their recommendations will be discussed at the meeting. Mrs. Simpson said she agreed with committee members **Dennis Perry** and **George Bitzas** that productive change would only occur with input from the various town boards and commissions who deal with zoning issues on a daily basis.

Agawam Recycling Hotline Now Making Recycling Simple For Town Residents

Thanks to generous donations by Standard Uniform Services and Environmental Compliance Services, residents of Agawam now have recycling information at their fingertips. Residents can now dial one number — 1-800-800-6881 — to get answers to their recycling questions 24 hours per day.

Grants from Standard Uniform and Environmental Compliance Services make Agawam's recycling message part of a non-profit, statewide recycling hotline dubbed “E-Call.” Citizens can dial the E-Call hotline, touch-tone in their ZIP Code, and hear a voicemail message packed with the latest details on recycling in the Town.

“As a member of the local community, Standard Uniform Services is pleased to support the recycling hotline. Sponsoring the hotline gives us a chance to help recycling efforts in Agawam,”

said Mark Haymes, General Manager of Standard Uniform Services. “The E-Call hotline makes it easy for citizens to get involved, and stay involved, in the Town's recycling program. Try it yourself,” Haymes suggested.

The hotline makes recycling easier by providing fast answers to common questions such as, “Are plastic yogurt tubs OK to put in my recycling bin? Is junk mail recyclable? Can I recycle car batteries?” The message is updated regularly to notify residents of improvements to the program.

Other area sponsors include Monsanto Company, NOVA Chemicals, and MASSPOWER for Springfield; Commercial Disposal for Southwick, Westfield, and West Springfield; Granville Country Store for Granville; United Waste Systems for Chicopee and Holyoke; and The Friendly Ice Cream Corporation for Wilbraham.

The Veterans' Corner

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent

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- Dependency and indemnity compensation or pension.
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- Reopening of claims for increase in VA compensation.
- Eligibility verification.

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- Review of discharges for upgrading.

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EMPLOYMENT

- Contacts with employers and job agencies.
- Reemployment rights procedures.
- Unemployment compensation problems and appeals.
- Linkage with Massachusetts Division of Employment Security Job Center.

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Berkshire Power To Host Procurement Seminar At The Oaks

Berkshire Power has announced that it will host a procurement seminar for prospective vendors on Monday, October 21, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. at the Oaks Banquet Facility, 1070 Suffield Street in Agawam.

The Berkshire Power Project has received its state and local permits and construction is scheduled to begin next year. During construction, it is estimated that the project will create approximately 250 jobs, and construction activities will generate between \$15 million and \$20 million in purchases of local goods and services. During operation, the project will spend \$750,000 to \$1 million annually on local purchases for the life of the project.

This money will be spent on everything from anchor bolts to windows and Berkshire Power has committed that whenever possible, they will utilize local businesses and merchants.

As part of that commitment, Berkshire Power has scheduled the procurement seminar on Monday, October 21st, at the Oaks. At this seminar, local businesses will have the opportunity to meet members of the Berkshire Power team, including representatives from Black & Veatch, the project's construction firm. Participants will be able to gather information on the project's procurement process and sign up to be on the bidder's list.

Seating is limited for the seminar. For further information or to reserve a seat, interested businesses should call (413) 786-5640 before Tuesday, October 15th. A light buffet lunch will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Keenan Committee Plans Pasta Supper

The Committee to Elect State Representative Daniel F. Keenan will be holding a Pasta Supper fundraiser at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills on Thursday, October 24, 1996 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Rep. Keenan is running for re-election in the Third Hampden District, which includes Agawam, Blandford, Granville, Russell, Southwick, and Tolland.

The cost of the event is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens. The meal includes macaroni, meatballs, rolls and butter, salad, and coffee. Tickets will be available at the door.

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by Fire Chief David Pisano
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The Agawam Fire Department encourages you to take time to teach your children that a match is a tool, not a toy. Adults use these tools for specific purposes — to light a stove, candle, or camp fire. Teach them to tell you or another grown-up if they find matches or a lighter.

The majority of fires that are started by children aren't intentional. They are preventable accidents if we do our part to keep these lethal weapons out of children's hands.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

PVTA Changes Policy For How Elderly Can Receive Rides

Over the last several years, the PVTA has begun implementing a para transit regional plan. The 28 communities which comprise the PVTA service area have been divided into six regions.

Contracts which formerly were automatically given to the COA's (Councils On Aging) in each of the member communities have been or will be put out to bid on a regional basis. Four of the six have already been put out to bid and are operating on this plan.

The communities of Agawam, West Springfield, and Westfield make up the last region to be

Regular Town Council Meeting Agenda For Monday, October 21st

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 10/7/96
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances.
None.
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
None.
9. Public Hearings
(a)
1. PH-96-4-(PE-96-2)-Group Petition, Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b) (Determining if the mis-use of public funds has been allowed by the council and by the administration) (Coun. Langone, Ennis, Servis, Perry, Caba) (Continue Public Hearing) (Tabled on 9/3/96).
10. Old Business
(a)
1. TOR-96-7-An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 49, Sec. 7C (8) of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Personnel Director) (Pres. Thompson, Coun. Langone & Caba) (3rd Reading).

2. TO-96-27-To discuss and vote to hire Atty. John F. Moriarty to advise the councilors in regards to PE-96-2 (Coun. Perry).

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of PETER LANGONE & JOHN GONET who are seek-

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

LEGAL NOTICE

ing a SPECIAL PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-7, and 180-57 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a two story office building and an addition to the existing structure (Body Shop) at the premises identified as 61 RAMAH CIRCLE SOUTH.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Families



THE YOUNGSTERS WILL REALLY ENJOY the "Great Pumpkin Adventure" at Fini's Plant Farm on James Street in Feeding Hills for the next few weekends. A live witch is on the grounds stirring her caldron but promising not to scare the little ones too much. The "Great Pumpkin Adventure" is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

"Great Pumpkin Adventure" A Hit For Fini's Plant Farm In Feeding Hills

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Three-hundred families attended the first weekend's activities of the "Great Pumpkin Adventure," the Halloween fun at Fini's Plant Farm on James Street, Feeding Hills, according to owner Al Fini. He expects larger numbers on the remaining weekends of October.

A hayride into the haunted woods, the hay and cornstalk mazes are what the "ADVENTURE" was designed and constructed for. It's being operated by teenagers who are regular employees of Fini's Plant Farm. They intend it to be a family-run affair with something for everyone.

There is a large parking space for guests off James Street, and the Adventure is open for fun from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Hayrides take off every half hour to travel the farm and explore the haunted woods (Dead Man's Woods) and there is a running dialogue along the way. Tombstones in the wooded graveyard are inscribed with witty verses and sayings composed by the teenagers and the staff.

The hayride takes 15 apprehensive minutes and is delightful with many surprises that would spoil the fun if they were revealed. It is adequate to say that the imaginations and creativity of the teenagers, all students of Agawam High School, are at work. And the teenagers rotate their positions and vary the program a little each day.

One enters the hay maze through the mouth of a huge replica of a pumpkin. The maze is 3,500

square feet of bales of hay lining corridors and there is only one way out. The cornstalk maze is 1,750 square feet, but spookier and harder to navigate.

Pony rides are available for \$1 and Marie Fini and Shannon Netopski are painting faces for youngsters who want it.

A small craft shop features colorful seasonal items made by Marilyn Fini, wife of the owner. There are wreaths, dolls, candle decorations, dried grasses, and imaginative crafts. Some of the dolls were purchased on the first weekend and all are for sale.

A refreshment stand features cider, popcorn, etc. and is run by the staff. There are mums, gourds, Indian corn, kale, and cabbage plants for sale, as well as a field full of pumpkins.

So, while youngsters navigate the maze, mom can shop for seasonal fare and there are

refreshments for all. The admission fee is \$3, which purchases a green wristband that enables guests to come and go all day. Pumpkins sell for 50 cents and up. Most are between \$2 and \$3, Fini said.

Teenagers who stuffed monsters, painted signs, and operate the entire Adventure include Mike Raynor, Geoffrey Ciak, Ronni LaValley, Michele Kowalewski, and Shannon Netopski, with several others contributing. And there is a black cat named Rocket prowling the grounds.

Directions to the Adventure are: right onto North Street from the Springfield Street intersection, to the fifth street on the right and down James Street all the way to the "Great Pumpkin Adventure." From North Westfield Street, proceed on North Street toward C.V.S. to James Street (on the left) and down James Street to Fini's Plant Farm.

Monique Guiel Joins U.S. Army Via Delayed Enlistment Program

Monique R. Guiel has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Southbridge, MA.

The Delayed Enlistment Program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel, and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Guinel, a student at Ware High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for military basic training on June 27, 1997.

She is the daughter of Rosemarie A. Pinette of 111 Glendale Circle, Ware, and John A. Guiel of 107 Ridgeway Drive, Feeding Hills.

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Agawam Lions Club Contributes To The Town DARE Program

The Agawam Lions Club recently presented a check to DARE Officer Don Gallerani. The monies donated to the DARE Program are used to buy supplies not funded by other resources.

Officer Gallerani has presented the DARE Program to grades kindergarten through six for the past five years. This year, the program has expanded to the Junior and Senior High Schools under Officer Gallerani; the K-6 program is now being conducted by Officer Karen Langevin.

Dick Bassett has been the Lions Club chairman of the Drugs and Alcohol Abuse Committee for many years. The Lions have supported DARE since its beginning in the 80's, and they have also supported the Non-Users Club. In the Junior High School, they provide support by sponsoring the Locomotion Promotion each year.

The Lions express their thanks to all the people who support our club functions. We hope to see you at our pancake breakfast on November 11th.

Legion's Women Currently Conducting Membership Drive

Pioneer Valley Women Post 463 of the American Legion is currently having a membership drive. If you are a woman armed services veteran of any war, from World War I to the Persian Gulf, the post would welcome you as a member of the only woman veteran's post of the American Legion in Western Massachusetts.

"We want you and need you," states Membership Chairman Rose Haynes.

"Our purpose in being," she goes on to state, "is first to help veterans (men and women) in need in the Pioneer Valley, and second, to support veteran ceremonies in the area, as well as those of women veterans in the eastern part of our state."

The post meets the first Sunday of each month (with the exception of July and August) at 1:30 p.m. in the Grand Army of the Republic Hall, East Court Street, Springfield, which is to the left of Symphony Hall.

If you are interested or would like more information about Pioneer Valley Women Post 463, please contact Rose Haynes at 786-2597.

Lioness Still Selling Agawam Coverlets

If you look around town, you'll see the Agawam Lioness coverlets on display. There's one at the Town Hall, the High School, and Westfield Savings Bank.

For a donation of \$45, you could own one of these beautiful historic reminders of Agawam. If you wish to order one for Christmas, your order must be in by October 20th, so don't delay - order today!

Applications are at each location the coverlet is being shown or call 789-0153 to place your order.

West Spfld. Elks Announce Country West/October Fest

Bring your ghouls, ghosts, and spooky spirits to the West Springfield Elks' Country West/October Fest to be held at the West Springfield Elks Lodge, 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield, MA, on October 26th and 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Country West/October Fest will feature a spectacular craft show, pony rides, and hayrides. Live country western music by "Broken Spoke" and a chicken barbecue will be featured on Saturday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

A fun-filled Halloween costume contest and parade will take place on Sunday, October 27th, at 1:00 p.m. Prizes will be given out for the most original, funniest, scariest, and ugliest costumes in each age category: 2-5 years, 6-9 years, and 10-12 years. Pre-registration is required; you may do this by calling (413) 593-5349 before October 24th.

Country West/October Fest will take place rain or shine. Admission and parking are free. The Elks Lodge is located off of Riverdale Road up the hill from Abdo's Restaurant.

For additional information, please call (413) 593-5349.

Gloria Larson To Speak At Seminar For Area Businesses

Former Massachusetts Secretary of Economic Affairs Gloria Larson will be the featured speaker at the first Greater Agawam Business and Technology Breakfast on Thursday, October 24th, at 7:30 p.m. at The Oaks in Agawam. Senator Brian Lees will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Ms. Larson will discuss the State of the State in terms of Macro Economic Development and focus on the Industrial, Technological, and Western Massachusetts Regional Sector Trends in conjunction with the Human Infrastructure necessary to support continued economic growth, technology, and development.

Prior to serving as Secretary of Economic Affairs under Governor William Weld, Larson served as Secretary of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation. Additionally, she served as Deputy Director of Consumer Protection for the Federal Trade Commission.

Ms. Larson currently practices law in Boston and is active in state economic development as an appointed board member of the Governor's Council on Growth and Technology.

The Business and Technology Breakfast is being presented by Robert A. Magovern, Candidate for State Representative serving Agawam, Southwick, Granville, Blandford, Russell, and Tolland.

Magovern said, "I am proud to have the opportunity to bring this exciting and informative presentation to the community. I urge everyone interested in learning more about the future of our state, and Western Massachusetts in particular, to attend this event."

Tickets for the breakfast are \$25, and reservations may be made by calling 789-0171.



DAWNA DAGENAIS

Dawna Dagenais Is Named Woronoco's West Side Manager

James E. Gardner, Executive Vice President/Operations Woronoco Savings Bank, announced the recent appointment of Dawna Dagenais named to the position of Branch Manager of the Big Y - World Class Market, West Springfield Branch.

Ms. Dagenais was the former Branch Manager of Northeast Savings.

Ms. Dagenais has attended numerous American Institute of Banking and has served as a member of the Loan Review Committee for Springfield Neighborhood Housing Services as well as an instructor for the Jefferson Street Shelter for Women in that city. Dawna is an active volunteer for Junior Achievement.

Senior Center Friends Slate Annual Meeting For Friday, Nov. 1st

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center has scheduled its annual meeting for Friday, November 1, 1996, at 12:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

The Board of Directors of "Friends" will be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year to start on January 1st and to end on December 31st.

Members of "Friends" are urged to attend the annual meeting. Anyone interested in serving as a director should contact President Lillian Doyle at 786-9586.

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AHS Wrestling Coach Phil Tomkiel Named UNICO'S "Man Of The Year"

On November 8, 1996, Agawam Unico will hold its 36th annual banquet. At each banquet someone is honored for their contribution to the community. This year's honoree is Phil Tomkiel, the town's successful and popular teacher and wrestling coach.

Philip Stanley Tomkiel was born in Springfield's North End on November 30, 1950 to parents of Polish heritage. His father was born in Poland and was a toolmaker by trade. (When he said he home by 3:00, it did not mean 3:01, but 3:00.) Phil attended Chestnut Junior High, where one of his favorite mentors was Paul Tatro, who later came to Agawam. This was a relationship that would work to Agawam's good fortune.

From Chestnut Junior High, he entered the class of 1968 at Springfield's Technical High School. He loved sports and was proficient in more than one. But because he was, as he puts it, "vertically challenged," it was only wrestling he attempted at the high school varsity level, and that was not until his senior year.

Tech's wrestling program at the time was guided by Fred Scycurka, the first of two coaches who were of legendary status in Western Massachusetts wrestling circles, and who would greatly influence Phil Tomkiel as a young student. Phil wrestled in the 112-pound weight class and was undefeated in Western Massachusetts that year as was the team. By one-half point, they placed second in the state.

Upon graduation from Tech, Phil was planning to follow his brother, Stanley, to the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Instead, he was influenced by the second legendary Western Massachusetts wrestling coach to do so, Doug Parker of Springfield College. With his arm around the young student's shoulder, Coach Parker asked Phil this question: "Don't you really want to be a teacher?" It proved to be another fortuitous meeting for the Town of Agawam.

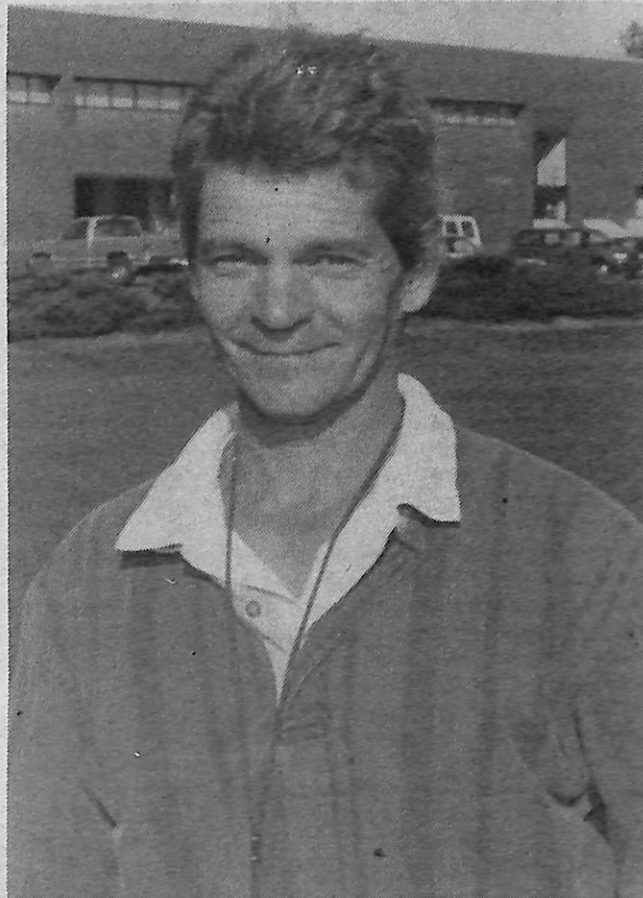
Phil entered Springfield College that fall, majoring in Physical Education, Health and Recreation. He wrestled varsity as a freshman and had a very respectable 9 and 4 season. However, as strongly as he felt about wrestling and Doug Parker, Phil felt he had to work to be able to go to college. He never wrestled again until after his freshman year. Instead, he worked two jobs to pay for school.

This meaningful experience concerning the path not taken would later come to influence many young Agawam wrestlers as their coach taught them the meaning of "seizing the day" — Carpe Diem.

Phil earned his degree in 1972 and began his teaching career that fall at Forest Park Jr. High — in special education. In January, program changes in Springfield caused Phil to pay a visit to his old mentor, Paul Tatro, who was by then principal of the newly built Agawam Junior High.

This visit set Phil on the path that led to his first being hired as a long-term sub in the Agawam elementary schools for the rest of that school year. The following year he was hired as a physical education teacher at the Middle School, where he was to remain for the next 15 years before moving to the Junior High. He has been there ever since.

In 1973, then Athletic Director Cliff Kibbe and Agawam coach Gus Young reactivated the long-dormant Agawam wrestling program with a junior



AGAWAM HIGH WRESTLING COACH PHIL TOMKIEL is UNICO's "Man of the Year."



AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS (standing) Art Chase, Sal Morassi, Terry Letellier, and (seated) Rich Dilullo, Rich Morassi, and Tom Coppola are the committee responsible for the club's 36th Annual Banquet on November 8th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

varsity only team. The following year, Phil Tomkiel became varsity wrestling coach, beginning a long and illustrious coaching career. The program grew gradually each year into what would become a shining star in the firmament of Brownie sport history.

In 1979, Agawam wrestling had its first championship season. The program continued to grow and gain respect during the 1980's until, in 1987, a string of 10 straight Division I Western Massachusetts championship seasons began. Along the way, there has been "Coach of the Year" honors, induction into the Massachusetts State Coaches Hall of Fame, and a yearly presence at the State meets (including two State championships and three second-place finishes). His overall coaching record is 244 victories and 61 losses, and, amazingly in the last 10 years, it is 130 victories against seven losses.

Much could be written about this success, such as the advantage of having a Polish heritage in a town like Agawam, or the quality and character of athletes the community provided, etc., but only three perspectives will be provided here.

First, how fortune smiled upon Phil in the two coaches who taught and inspired him, Fred Scycurka and Doug Parker. Second, the wisdom and substance of his favorite teaching mantra, "If wrestling teaches you nothing else, it teaches you with hard work you will find success." And third, the fact that when speaking about the Agawam wrestling program, he uses the third person "we" and "our" rather than the personal "I" and "my."

When one considers the legendary athletes, coaches, and teams of the Brownie past, one understands the significance of the unparalleled 10 straight Division I titles and the respected presence of Brownie wrestlers at the state level. But what really matters is not the numbers or the reputation. What matters is the teaching that has occurred and the role Coach Tomkiel has played in the transformation of so many boys into men. This is the living legacy from which the community benefits.

On the personal side, when Phil was working his two jobs to pay his way through Springfield College, one of his jobs was at a pharmacy. In fact, he was a "soda jerk," although one knows no one called him that to his face without smiling, vertically challenged as he might be or not. It was at the pharmacy that an attractive senior from Cathedral High School named Diane Cormier first caught his eye, and then later his heart.

This past Labor Day, Phil and Diane celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Given the rigors of coaching a high school varsity season year after year, one can imagine that Diane would have a multitude of one-liners about the fact that their 25th anniversary fell on Labor Day.

They have two daughters: Elizabeth, who attends STCC, and Melissa, who is a sophomore at Minnechaug High. One only has to listen to the tone in Phil's voice when he talks about his daughters to know where his heart lies.

All who would like to join Phil, his family and friends at the banquet on November 8th at Oak Ridge Country Club are most welcome. There will be a Disc Jockey with dancing after dinner. Tickets may be purchased and table reservations made by calling either Dick Dilullo at 786-0699 or Sal Morassi, Jr. at 786-0177.

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Children Can Receive Photo ID's Oct. 19th At Sarat Ford

Sarat Ford is hosting a Project KidCare Photo ID event on Saturday, October 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. as part of a national effort to provide parents with a free safety photo ID of their children in the event their child is missing. The Project KidCare ID booklet contains a standardized, instant color photo and space in which parents can record vital statistics such as height, weight, and medical information.

A total of 196 Ford Dealers throughout New England will take part in the national effort by hosting Project KidCare events on this day. The events are part of the New England Ford "Family Days" campaign, dedicated to family safety and featuring New England Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe as the spokesperson.

Project KidCare, developed by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), is a program designed to raise awareness of child safety and provide law enforcement authorities with an effective tool to help find missing children.

Parents who bring their children to the event at **Sarat Ford Sales, 245 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA**, will receive a free KidCare ID booklet with a standardized, Polaroid color photograph of their child. Volunteers from the Agawam Lions Club will photograph the children, process KidCare identification booklets, and provide parents with important child safety information.

"According to the Department of Justice, more than one-million children are reported missing in our country each year," says **Jack Sarat, President of Sarat Ford Sales**. "We believe that helping to increase awareness about missing children has never been more critical and we're pleased we can play a role in helping parents safeguard their children."

According to NCMEC, one in seven missing children is found because of a photograph, making a standardized, current photograph the single most important tool in finding a missing child.

"Everyone has pictures of their children, but most parents don't have a suitable photograph if their child becomes lost or missing," explains **Ernie Allen, President and CEO of NCMEC**. "It is very important to have a recent, unobstructed head-and-shoulder photograph of the child. The picture should be stored in a safe place with the vital statistics of the child at the time the photograph is taken."

In the program's third year, Project KidCare events have resulted in nearly five-million children receiving KidCare photo ID's. Events have been hosted in local communities across the country by organizations including police departments, retail stores, health facilities, and fraternal organizations. Any company, organization, or civic group can purchase a Project KidCare kit and arrange an event in their area.

The Agawam Police Department "DARE" officers, along with other police volunteers, will be on hand to answer questions regarding safety issues and for bicycle registrations. They will also be selling a limited number of bicycle helmets for \$6 each.

For more information on the KidCare event being hosted by **Sarat Ford Sales**, contact **Carole Parent** at 786-0430.

"Haunted Old New England" This Friday At Storowton Village

We bid you come to a delightfully frightful evening of fun at Storowton Village Museum's "Haunted Old New England." The "witching hour" begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18th, in the Village's candlelit Meeting House, located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

It's a creepy good time for the whole family featuring authentic 18th and 19th century New England tales and tunes offered up by candlelight in the Meeting House. Professional storyteller **Damon Cook** of Worcester, MA, will spin a web of spooky stories and songs sure to invoke images of ghosts, goblins, witches, and other scary spirits.

The Storowton Village Museum Gift Shop is next door and will be open. You're invited to stop by and browse through a selection of Halloween candy and decorations including candle holders, ghosts, witches, and more.

Enjoy the "spirits" of the past in our unique setting. Admission to "Haunted Old New England" is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children ages six to 16. Children under six will be admitted free.

Space is limited, so make your reservations by contacting Storowton Village Museum at (413) 787-0136.

Spfld. Turnverein To Sponsor "Winzerfest" On Saturday, Oct. 26th

The Springfield Turnverein, located at 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, will sponsor a "Winzerfest" (Wine Festival) on Saturday, October 26th.

The Ladies' Glee Club and the Men's Singing Section cordially invite everyone to join us for this gala event. A roast pork dinner will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dancing will be to the fabulous music of "The Vagabonds" from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Many of you may remember dancing to this group at our recent German-American Festival.

If you don't wish to join us for dinner, please join us following the dinner for dancing and listening pleasure.

For more information and to make reservations, please call the Club at 786-0924 by October 23rd.

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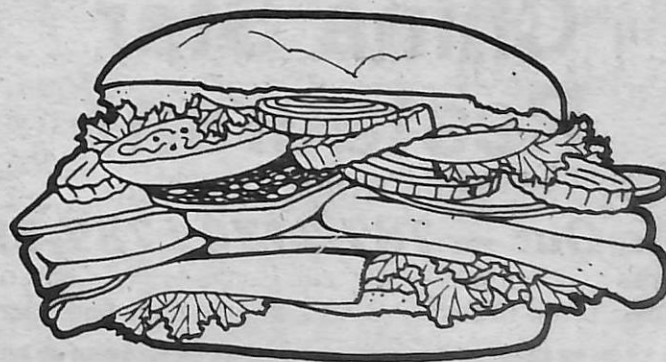
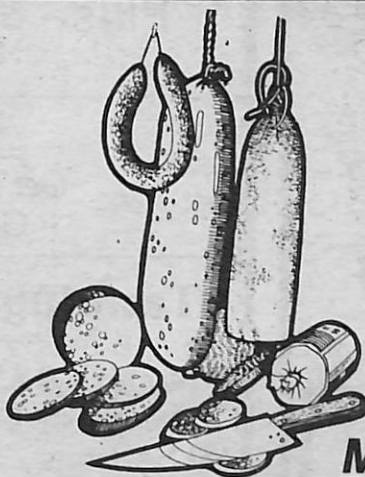
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Riverside's "Friends In Harmony" Support Local Charities



THE RIVERSIDE PARK "Friends in Harmony" community music group staged a musical comedy at Bay Path College in Longmeadow on two weekends last month to support The Lisa Ziegert Memorial Fund and the Michael Pietroniro Epilepsy Awareness Program. Cast members Deborah Macey Taylor and Patti Carroll are pictured at left and the entire cast is pictured in photo right. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



THERE WAS LOTS OF FUN on the stage at Bay Pay College when the Riverside Park "Friends in Harmony" performed a musical comedy to benefit the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Fund and the Michael Pietroniro Epilepsy Awareness Program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

RIVERSIDE PARK'S "Friends In Harmony" perform a skit at Bay Path College to benefit two popular local charities - The Lisa Ziegert Memorial Fund and the Michael Pietroniro Epilepsy Awareness Program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Anne Sullivan’s Life To Be Discussed By Historical Association

Most of us know Anne Sullivan, the historic person who worked with Helen Keller. But what do we know about Anne Sullivan the individual and her personal life? Those who attend the Agawam Historical Association October 24th meeting will have an entertaining opportunity to find out.

At the Captain Charles Leonard House at 7:00 p.m. on October 24th, Agawam’s renown storyteller, Lu Parchick, will make a presentation entitled “Anne Sullivan Revisits.”

Lu, also affectionately known as “Grandma Lu” to some of our younger students, has for some time been fascinated by the life of Anne Sullivan and has done extensive research on the subject. On the evening of October 24th, she will be combining some of her considerable storytelling skills with her fact-finding skills and has prepared what promises to be a very entertaining and informative presentation.

Because of the historic importance of Anne Sullivan to the entire community, the Agawam Historical Association extends an invitation and welcomes students, parents, guests, and prospective new members to attend.

Rick Bellico, President, pointed out that the Historical Association has some exciting new projects still in the planning stage and is using presentations as this to attract new members.

“Friends” Of Senior Ctr. & COA Announce 1996 Award Winners

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center is pleased to announce the winner of its annual Friendship Award. **Harold “Joe” Davis** of Feeding Hills will be honored this year for his outstanding volunteer efforts on behalf of Agawam’s seniors and the community.

Mr. Davis is a master carpenter who has donated countless hours to his craft for the benefit of the Agawam Senior Center. He has used his considerable talents to build numerous frames and display cases, not only for the center but for the Agawam Public Schools as well. Mr. Davis is also responsible for the veterans’ bell memorial and the gazebo on the Veterans’ Green at Phelps School on Main Street.

Meanwhile, the Agawam Council on Aging has selected **Frank A. Paradiso** as the 1996 Andrew Gallano Award recipient.

Mr. Paradiso started the Senior Pheasant Hill Social Club and was its first President, and has been the Tour Director and a Board Member of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, for the past 15 years. He also formed the Senior Bowling League and has volunteered his time to many other activities for our senior population.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Paradiso will be honored at the annual Friends/COA Dinner to be held on Wednesday, October 30th, at Chez Josef.

For further information, call Lil Doyle, President of Friends, at 786-9586.

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Parent Committee Of Boy Scout Troop 75 Elects Officers & Committee Chairpersons

The Parent Committee of Boy Scout Troop 75 of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills recently held elections for committee chairpersons and the following individuals were named to coordinate a variety of positions.

Among them are Parent Committee chairperson Don Andreoli; Secretary Helen Nunez; Treasurer Cheryl Fennyery; Outdoor Program, Bob Feidler; Advancement, Mary Jane Klaus; Quartermaster Mark Debarge; Hospitality, Judy Cohen; Publicity, Barbara Campanella; Fundraising, Lydia McBride; Transportation, Joe Silva; Communication, Carol Wells; Cub Coordinator, Cheryl Fennyery; and Troop Calendar, Phyllis Barrington.

The Parent Committee provides adult support to the Boys Scouts of Troop 75, ranging from planning events intended to fund a variety of activities for the boys to guidance in their personal and

leadership development and offering positive role models.

The Boy Scout program model uses this group to encourage parent participation as part of its team philosophy in the development of Boy Scouts. The goal of parents and Scout leaders is to foster personal development and leadership skills in each boy, and build a sense of responsibility among them to be contributing members to their larger community and world.

Involvement is not limited to parents of boys in the troop. Anyone who would like to contribute time in support of the organization or who has a skill or talent to share with the Scouts is urged to contact Troop 75 Scoutmaster Hugh McBride at 786-6179, or Parent Committee Chairperson Don Andreoli at 789-2071.

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Golden Agers II Recognize Couples At Anniversary Banquet

Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, was founded September 29, 1982 and celebrated its 14th year of existence with an Anniversary Banquet held at the Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield on Wednesday, October 2nd.

Club President Louis Scherpa assisted in forming Chapter 2 and he was elected its FIRST president. By popular demand, he has been re-elected each year and serving with capable and devoted leadership for 14 continuous years. His wife Louise has been of valuable assistance all through the life of the Club. Both Louis and Louise have worked hard to make Chapter 2 of Agawam Golden Age Club prosper.

The Anniversary Banquet began with a social hour at 11:00 a.m. featuring crackers, cheese, and fruit punch. Dinner was served promptly at 12:00 noon to 156 happy and hungry seniors. Festivities were opened by a salute to the American flag, and a brief prayer and food blessing by Club Chaplain Leaneore Dion.

At the completion of the dinner, President Scherpa conducted a "special program" which recognized nine couples who are members of Golden Age Club, Chapter 2.

The first couples that he called to the podium to be recognized were Kenneth and Peg LaFountaine, Edward and Janice Barako, Joseph and Nellie Mathias, and Edward and Tillie O'Day, all who celebrated 50 years of marriage during the current year.

Next to be called forward were three couples: Arthur and Eileen Collier, Ernest and Barbara Swanson, and Louis and Louise Scherpa, who celebrated 55 years of marriage during 1996.

Edwin and Kathleen Arnold were recognized for 60 years of marriage, and the last couple called to the podium were Willis and Ruth Parady, celebrating 72 years of marriage.

Dancing by the honored couples to "The Anniversary Waltz" concluded this special program, which also included a brief life history of each couple read by President Louis Scherpa. Each couple received an attractive, miniature wedding cake which was nicely decorated and prepared by Club Chaplain Leaneore Dion.

Club members who had a part in making the Anniversary Banquet a great social success were Perry and Rose McCobb (ticket sales), Edward Grimes (table seating), Virginia Lake (music program), and Louis Scherpa (site selection and menu).

Virginia Lake introduced Daphne Calkins and John Stacy, who entertained the Golden Age Club with a variety of delightful songs. Each one sang individually and also together as a duet. Daphne Calkins charmed everyone with her warm approaches to guests seated at various tables as she sang familiar tunes.

"God Bless America" was sung in closing the music program by the entire group of happy seniors.



AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB MEMBERS (Chapter II) who were feted for their 50th wedding anniversaries. From left - Janice & Eddie Barako, Peg & Kenneth LaFountaine, and Nellie & Joseph Mathias. Missing: Tillie & Edward O'Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CELEBRATING THEIR 55TH wedding anniversaries were Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter II members, from left - Eileen & Arthur Collier, Louise & Louis Scherpa, and Barbara & Ernest Swanson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Anniversaries Noted



THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB Chapter II held its Annual Anniversary Banquet recently and honored Kathleen & Edwin Arnold (above) for their 60th anniversary and Ruth & Willis Parady for their 72nd anniversary. RELATED STORY AND PHOTOS on previous page. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



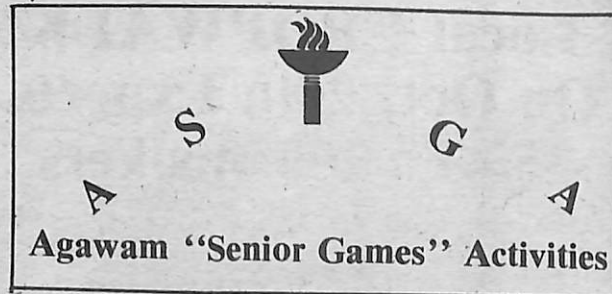
Spfld. Turnverein To Present Lecture On Native Americans

On Sunday, October 20th, at 2:30 p.m., Professor Dietrich Schlobohm will present a lecture about the Native Americans that lived here 500 years ago. He will focus on the culture and lives of Native Americans in the Springfield area during the period of initial contacts with whites, and the consequences of that contact, especially for native peoples.

Enjoy a trip back in time and try to discover who these first people were and how they lived. Professor Schlobohm is an environmental historian who teaches history at Springfield College.

Slides will be used as a supplement to illustrate key points.

An invitation is extended to all area residents to join us at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills. If you wish more information, please call the Club at 786-0924.



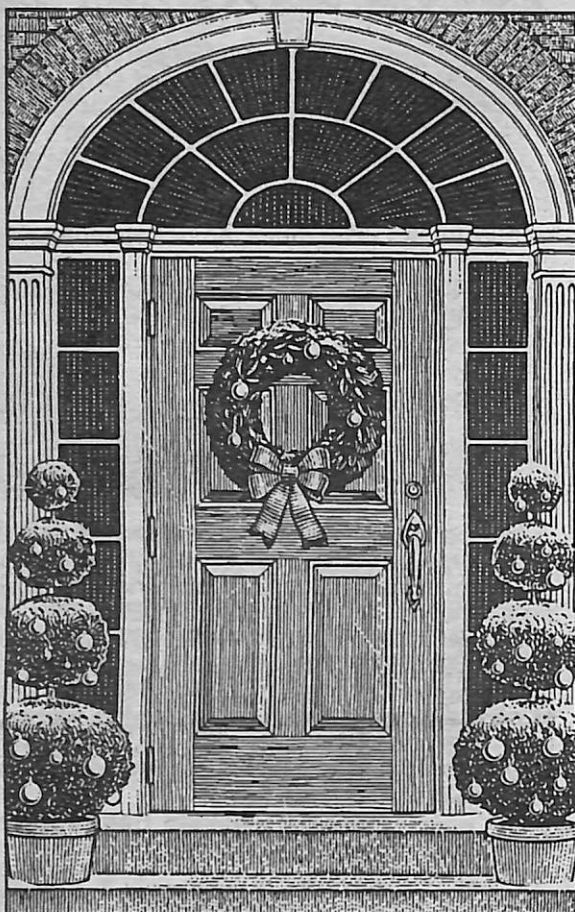
Pancake Breakfast Coming

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 27th at the Agawam Senior Center, from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

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Honorary chairpersons this year include State Senator Linda Melconian, State Rep. Dan Keenan, Paul Sutton and Ray Hershel from Channel 40, and Paul Cavallo (Deputy Principal of Agawam High School).

The Crankers Antique Auto Club will again display vehicles to view before and after the walk, which will begin at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street (across from the High School), continue through the streets of Agawam to St. Teresa's and St. David's for rest stops, then down Springfield Street to William Street, and back on Mill Street and back to the starting point.

The Lions Club will again serve hot dogs to the walkers at the end of the walk. Apples, muffins, and drinks will be available at the rest stops.

Twenty-five percent of all walk monies will go to the Open Pantry of West Springfield/Agawam. The balance helps disaster areas in the United States and other countries.

Walkers can earn a gold "CROP" pin for \$60 worth of sponsors, and \$100 gets them a t-shirt.

For forms or additional information, call Bob Broga at 786-7720.

Manicure Clinic Slated At Fitness First

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Participants will learn how to give professional manicures at home and will receive all the basic supplies needed to get started! The cost is \$11.50 per person (including materials).

Please call Fitness First at 786-1460 to register. Seats are limited.

Polish Club Women Plan 14th Annual Craft Fair Nov. 9th

The Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club of Agawam will hold its 14th Annual Craft Fair on November 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Polish American Club Pavilion, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

There will be crafts, gifts, baked goods, and Polish and American food. Admission is free.

Cribbage Returns To The Senior Ctr.

Cribbage is played every Friday at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. The program is for those who want to learn, brush up on skills, for experienced players, and just for fun.

Our Fall Tournament is scheduled for October 25th through November 22nd. There is a table for experienced players and another for those who just want to enjoy a tournament and are less skilled.

Come and enjoy the game and the sociability. Refreshments are available for a small fee.

If you are interested in learning another game of cards, call the center at 786-0400, ext. 242, and leave a message and your telephone number for Janice. I will get back to you.

50/50 Benefit Ziti & Meatball Dinner Slated For Sat., October 26th

A 50/50 benefit ziti and meatball dinner for Heidi Baron and "in memory" of Chris Twarkins will be held on Saturday, October 26th, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam VFW (South Street).

There will also be raffles, and all proceeds will be divided between Heidi and Chris' families.

The donation is \$5 per person and tickets must be purchased in advance; no tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets may be purchased at the VFW on South Street or by calling Lisa, 789-7119, or Linda, 786-3037.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1996, at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of JOHN SALEMA who is seeking a SPECIAL PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-44, Paragraph H of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a "Drive-Through Restaurant," at the premises identified as 1358 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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CENTURY 21 Celebrates Fall Fest

The CENTURY 21 system gathered its troops in New England to celebrate the achievements of brokers and sales associates, as well as the system's recent technological successes. Hundreds of agents, brokers and executives attended "Fall Fest '96" held at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Framingham, Massachusetts.

The event was hosted by Cynthia Turnbull and Larry Rideout, Regional Directors for Century 21 of the Northeast in the New England area. "This has been a very exciting year for the Century 21 system," commented Turnbull. "There have been many advancements in technology, media and marketing strategy. An event like this pulls it all together."

The event included exhibitors, several speakers, and an evening cocktail party. One of the day's highlights was Keynote speaker Bob Pitman, Managing Partner and CEO of Century 21 Real Estate Corporation, who spoke about many advances CENTURY 21 is creating within the real estate industry.

Special guest speakers Mike Ferry and Carla Cross spoke on "How to Become a Superstar" and "High Profitability Business Planning Secrets," respectively. And Senior Vice President of Marketing for Century 21 Real Estate Corporation, Mike Trainor, spoke about the 1997 Marketing Campaign.

"The day was very successful," added Rideout. "It was designed to be a highly informative, motivational and enjoyable day for all who attended, and we were not disappointed." Helen Schuler, who attended the event, agrees, adding "the event was well worth the time and the information received will help us obtain our sales goals."

Lions Club Plans Big Pancake Breakfast

The Agawam Lions will sponsor its Harvest Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 10th, at the Agawam Lions Club, Eastern States Exposition Grounds, West Springfield, with servings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Cost for adults is \$3.75 and \$2 for children.

All profits will go to the Lions' scholarship and other projects. Community support is necessary for the Lions to continue their humanitarian projects.

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Church News



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a Dinner/Dance at Chez Josef on October 6th. From left - Pastor Howard McCormick, Jackie Hayes Toussaint (mistress of ceremonies), and David Ladizki (anniversary committee chairman); IN PHOTO RIGHT, committee members David A. Ladizki, Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal, Paul Schafer, and Sasha Zebryk put lots of time and effort in coordinating the October 6th Dinner/Dance at Chez Josef. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser

News photos by Jack Devine.

St. John's Church Celebrates "50th" With A Dinner Dance

St. John the Evangelist church members celebrated the 50th anniversary of their parish with a dinner dance at Chez Josef on Sunday, October 6th.

Mrs. Jackie Hayes Toussaint, Mistress of Ceremonies, first introduced Most Reverend Joseph F. Maguire, D.D., retired bishop, who gave the invocation.

Attorney David Ladiski, anniversary committee chairman, thanked the committee and delivered a champagne toast to those present for their unending support of the parish.

After dinner, there was a salute to the original parishioners who were present.

Most Reverend Thomas Dupree, D.D., Bishop of the Springfield diocese, rendered a few remarks about the progress of St. John's over the past 50 years, then offered the benediction.

Those who were on hand for the celebration ended the activities by enjoying dancing for the remainder of the evening.

Chicken & Biscuit Supper At Agawam Congregational Church

The Agawam Congregational Church will hold a chicken and biscuit supper on Saturday, October 19, 1996, serving continuously from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The menu includes: boneless chicken and biscuits, winter squash, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, rolls and cranberry sauce, homemade apple pie, and beverages.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. For reservations, call the church office, 786-7111, or Jerry Hamel, 786-2908. Reservations close Thursday, October 17th.

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"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

The 23rd Psalm is the testimony of King David, a man who had learned through his own experiences about the grace and love of God. When David described God as his shepherd, he was making a declaration of who God is and how he related to God.

"The Lord is my shepherd." David knew a lot about shepherds, because he had been one when he was growing up. David knew from his own experience that the faithful shepherd tends his sheep.

Tending means to take care of, watch over and look after something. God desires to take care of us, and He does watch over us. Any of us who have experienced difficulty should be able to see that had not God intervened in our time of need, our troubles would have been far worse than they were.

David and other heroes of faith in the Bible were well acquainted with trouble. Nowhere in the Bible will we find a promise from God that if we sign up for His team, we will not encounter difficulties. Every hero of faith had his or her troubles, but each one also knew God's grace in the midst of them. The same can be true for us as well.

Tending also involves providing direction and guidance. One of God's primary ways of guiding us is through the Scripture. God knows what is good for us, and what is not. Therefore, God provides us specific directions for how we should live. We should not think of God's direction as limiting or restricting. Good and loving parents provide their children with guidance because they love them. They know their children's lives will be really fulfilled when they live according to certain rules, rather than in violation of them. In the Scripture, we learn about God's passionate love for all mankind. God wants to guide us through the circumstances of our lives to the "quiet waters" of His presence where "He restores my soul."

Throughout history, people have looked beyond themselves for spiritual guidance and well being. It seems we know instinctively that we simply cannot be "god" in our own lives; we know we need help from outside ourselves. When David said, "The Lord is my shepherd," he was also saying he was God's sheep. Knowing that he belonged to God, David had the ability to become all that God wanted him to be. He had courage to face the challenges of his life, to "walk through the valley" without having to fear evil. David lived confidently, knowing who he was, and that he would "dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE 50th Anniversary Dinner/Dance for St. John's Church included Kathie Schafer, Beverly Ladizki, Lil Doyle, Peg Altobelli, Elaine Smith, Bernard Tatro, Judith Clow, Lorraine Maniscalchi, Rita Moore, and Mary Tatro. **RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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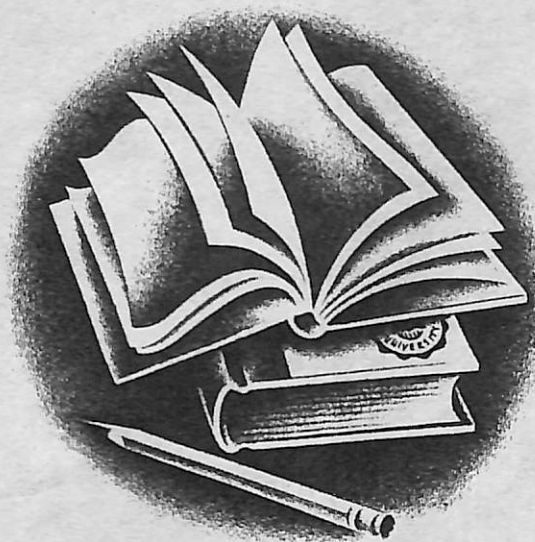


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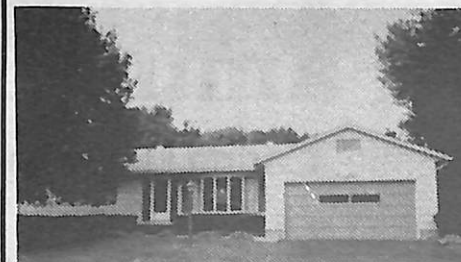
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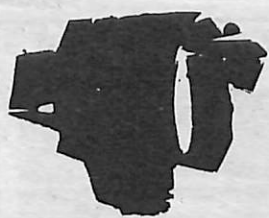
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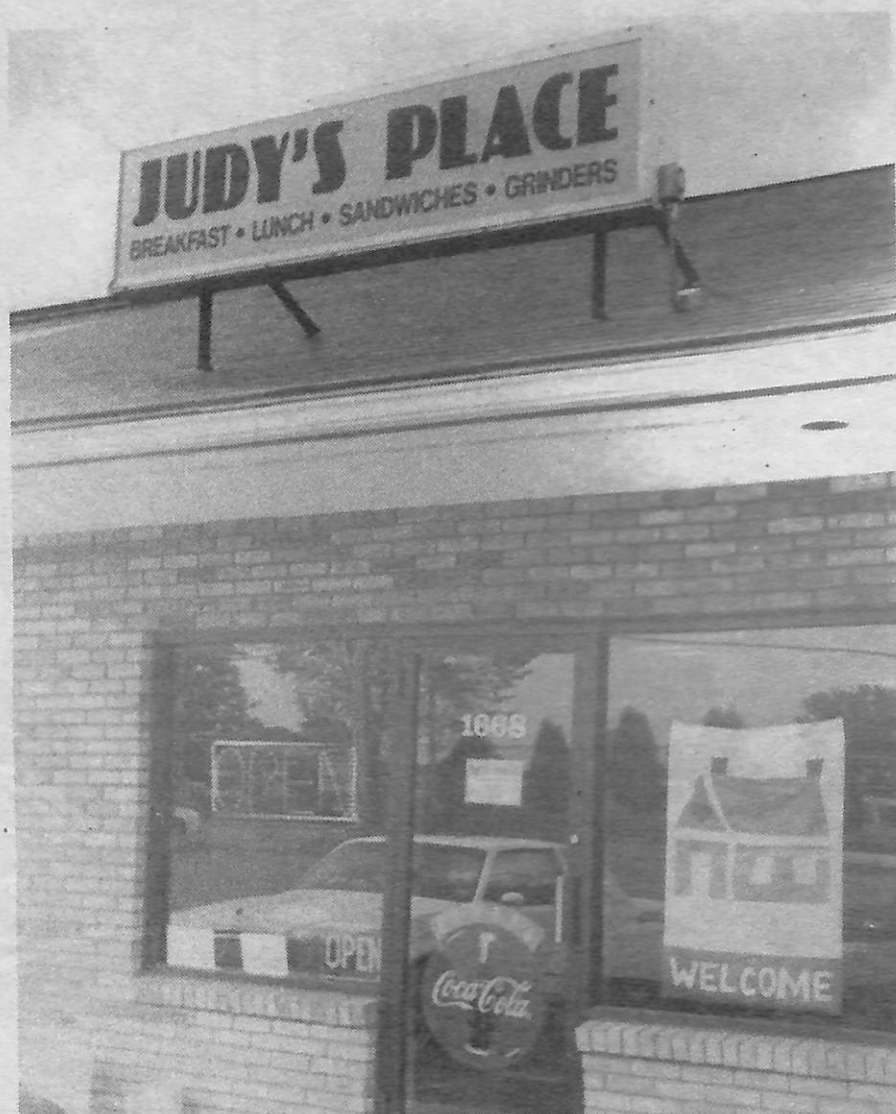
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Spotlight On Business



JUDY POWELL is the owner and operator of Judy's Place located at 1668 Main Street, Agawam, directly opposite Riverside Park. Judy serves breakfast and lunch Tuesday through Sunday. Stop by for a fine meal. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Owning Her Own Restaurant Is A Dream Come True For Judy Powell

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Judy's Place, a new restaurant at 1668 Main Street, Agawam (opposite Riverside Park), is a "Dream Come True" for owner Judy Powell. Not much bigger than a coffee shop, it has "Judy" written all over it.

"I've always wanted to own my own business and now after 10 years in food services and restaurant business, I finally am an entrepreneur," Judy beamed in a recent interview. She bought the restaurant, formerly called

Rosie's, and opened in June. Business was great all summer, she said, and she is now concentrating on promoting a steady clientele, drawing customers from south-central Agawam to her shop near the Connecticut/Massachusetts state line, plus shoppers and travelers en route back and forth from Agawam to Connecticut.

A bright yellow sign with yellow daisies on the side alerts the passers-by to **Judy's Place** and there is plenty of parking space. Judy greets her

guests with her friendly, warm smile and a menu. The first impression is that the place is attractive and clean. There are about a dozen good-sized booths against the walls with flowers on each and a large open space in the center. Soft music (golden oldies) adds to the atmosphere.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...



STOP BY JUDY'S PLACE and be served by owner and operator Judy Powell. She's a good cook and you'll love her food. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

JUDY'S PLACE - from Page 22...

The next positive impression is the detail of the menu. Breakfast ranges from cereal-to omelettes, served during all open hours from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (every day but Monday). There are 10 items under breakfast specials: combinations of potatoes, eggs, meat, pancakes, and breads. Side orders include, but are not limited to, hash, bacon, sausages, French toast, water rolls, English muffins, bagels, and muffins. Judy's favorite breakfast sandwich is one egg, choice of meat, and cheese on any toast or muffin. She invites you to build your own omelette from 10 choices, and there are fruit juices and beverages, including decaffeinated and regular tea and coffee.

Wide Range Of Lunch Offerings

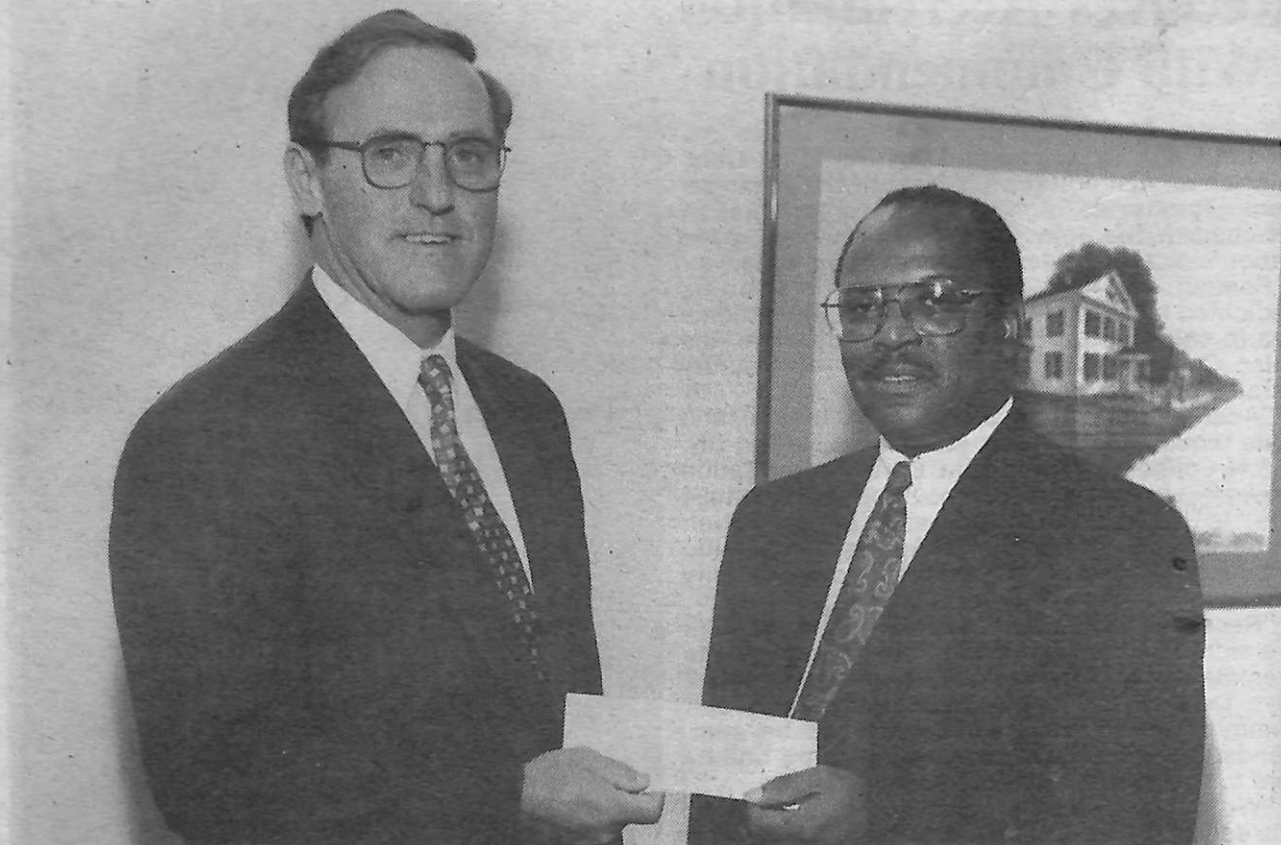
Turning the menu over to lunch offerings, one finds 15 selections from the grille ranging from a variety of hamburgers to the more unusual pepper and egg, fish or chicken fillet, tuna or turkey melts. Under sandwiches are four types of salads, and such all-time favorites as peanut butter and jelly, and ham and cheese. There are side orders and six club sandwiches. Sixteen varieties of grinders range from meatballs, steak and cheese, tuna and chicken salads, to the more unusual veggie grinder. The latter is made of mushrooms, onions and peppers, cucumbers, lettuce, tomato, and celery.

Judy's special touches include homemade soups and salads, a dessert special each day, 10-ounce coffee mugs, and all fried foods are cooked in cholesterol free, 100 percent vegetable oil. And there is take-out.

Judy thinks her location is great, that many people prefer taking Route 157 (Main Street) to places in Connecticut rather than I-91. "There is not a lot of heavy traffic or traffic lights," she points out and the countryside with its farms and produce stands is especially gorgeous at this time of year. It is a beautiful, relaxing ride, she said, and she urges folks to stop en route at Judy's Place and "give us a try."

"I love good food," Judy declared, "and I love to eat!" Her menu shows it.

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"WE ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED to continue our support of the Junior Achievement Program in Western Mass.," commented Victor J. Carra, senior vice-president of Westfield Savings Bank as he presented Junior Achievement Senior Marketing Manager Robert E. McCollum with the bank's annual contribution toward Junior Achievement activities.

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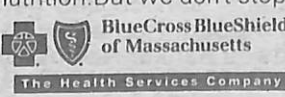
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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Country Estates
Receives Accreditation
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Country Estates of Agawam has been Accredited with Commendation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. This is the highest level of accreditation awarded by the Joint Commission, which is the nation's oldest and largest accrediting body.

Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The Joint Commission's on-site survey of Country Estates occurred in June 1996.

"Accreditation standards exceed federal and state requirements," says Mary Tellis-Nayak, RN, M.S.N., director, Long Term Care Accreditation Services, Joint Commission. "Further, because this is a voluntary program, accreditation represents Country Estates of Agawam's decision to be recognized for its efforts to provide quality care."

"Receiving Accreditation with Commendation is a significant achievement, one that recognizes exemplary performance by Country Estates," says Dennis S. O'Leary, M.D., president, Joint Commission. "Country Estates should be commended for its commitment to providing quality care to the people in its community."

"We are extremely pleased to have achieved this designation," says David Kurzman, Executive Director. "Everyone here goes the extra mile on a day-to-day basis to provide the best possible health care to our patients. Receiving Accreditation with Commendation is just the icing on the cake."

"But we're not going to rest on our laurels," Mr. Kurzman points out. "This is just an incentive to continue to improve our services."



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**Westfield Savings Announces New
Management Team For Agawam Branch**

Donald A. Williams, President of Westfield Savings Bank, has announced the promotion of two members of the Agawam Office staff to key positions.

They are Donna J. Kennedy, who has been appointed manager, and Cynthia M. Bajek, who has been named assistant manager.

Donna Kennedy joined Westfield Savings Bank in 1983. In 1986, she was promoted to head teller at the Agawam branch and the following year, she was named assistant manager.

An Agawam native, Ms. Kennedy is a graduate of Agawam High School and Westfield State College. She has completed numerous courses administered by the American Institute of Banking

and is a member of the Banker's Education Forum as well as being a Notary Public.

Ms. Kennedy's community activities include volunteer work with the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She is also a professional musician and performs frequently as a flutist with several area concert bands.

Cynthia Bajek joined Westfield Savings Bank in 1989. Currently a Longmeadow resident, she is also an Agawam High School graduate. She was promoted to Senior teller in 1991.

Ms. Bajek has also completed a wide range of financial studies under the direction of the American Institute of Banking at Holyoke Community College.

**The Pioneer Group To
Hold Free Workshop
On "Buying A Home"**

THE PIONEER GROUP is sponsoring a free public service workshop entitled "Buying a Home ... What the Banks Don't Tell You." It will be held Saturday morning, October 26th, between the hours of 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. at the West Springfield Professional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, in West Springfield.

Topics to be discussed include the various government federal loan programs that are currently available to first-time and move-up home buyers; understanding points and closing costs and how to minimize these fees; understanding seller contributions; the difference between a bank and mortgage company and which one offers the better value; and much more.

The information contained in this 90-minute seminar may save today's first-time and move-up buyers thousands of dollars. Speakers at the workshop will include Donald Thompson, a principal of **THE PIONEER GROUP**, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

The workshop is free of charge and reservations are suggested; their last seminar was filled to capacity. For more information, please listen to the recorded info message at 846-0981, and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

Those that attend the workshop will receive a free copy of their credit report along with an application for a free mortgage pre-approval.

**Coldwell Banker's
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As "Top 10" Associate**

Frank Pinney of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates was recently named among the top 10 sales associates in the state of Massachusetts for listings sold for the second quarter, 1996, for Coldwell Banker Residential Affiliates, Inc.

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MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON presents a proclamation to Jane E. Moser and Lucille Drewnowski, both representatives for the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Mass., Inc. The Mayor proclaimed the week of October 6th as "Mental Illness Awareness Week" in Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON declared October 5th as "World Ostomy" Day in Agawam and presented a proclamation to Ann Favreau, secretary of the United Ostomy Association, and Jerry Camerota, president of the Ostomy Association of Greater Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Town Recognizes Oct. 5th As "World Ostomy Day"

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson presented a proclamation declaring October 5, 1996 as WORLD OSTOMY DAY to Ann Favreau, Secretary of the United Ostomy Association, and Jerry Camerota, President of the local Ostomy Association of Greater Springfield.

WORLD OSTOMY DAY is a global celebration to promote awareness of ostomy and the services of ostomy associations. An ostomy is a surgical procedure required when a person has lost the normal function of his bowel or bladder because of birth defects, injury, or disease.

Support and education is available through chapter meetings, visits, and publications for those who have an ostomy or continent procedure and their families or those who are facing surgery.

For further information, you can call the Ostomy Association of Greater Springfield at 567-1666 or the National UOA office at 1-800-826-0826.

"Mental Illness Awareness Week" Recognized By Mayor Johnson

Mayor Christopher Johnson presented the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts with a framed Proclamation declaring the week of October 6, 1996 MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK.

For the 14th year nationwide, affiliates of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill have set aside this week to educate the public about mental illnesses and to offer hope to those people with these illnesses. This year's theme, "OPEN YOUR MIND: MENTAL ILLNESSES ARE BRAIN DISORDERS," is part of NAMI's five year Anti-Stigma Campaign.

During the last two decades, scientific research has greatly expanded our understanding of mental illness and has established that severe mental illnesses are biologically-based brain disorders that affect 4.6 million Americans. In fact, one out of every five families is affected by severe mental illness in a lifetime.

Severe mental illnesses are no-fault, physical brain disorders that are more common than cancer, diabetes, or heart disease. They affect people of all races and ethnic groups as well as all economic and social groups.

Despite age-old myths and misinformation, mental illnesses are not caused by bad character, poor child-rearing, or an individual's behavior. Although cures have not yet been discovered, medical treatments are available that successfully offer many people relief from symptoms and new opportunities for productive lives.

Information about schizophrenia, manic-depression, clinical depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and panic disorder is available through the office of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts, 717½ Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. AMI-WM Support Groups for families are held throughout the area.

Persons seeking free literature or referral to services may call the AMI-WM Office at 786-9139 or 1-800-295-2121.

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For Your Health - continued...

Agawam Medical West Associates Announce Major New Expansion

At a recent groundbreaking ceremony, health center administrators at Agawam Medical West Associates (AMWA) have announced a major new expansion of their Main Street facility.

Work will soon be underway on an 8,000 square foot addition that will house more examination rooms, expanded waiting areas, a mammography screening room, a patient education and video room, and more conference room space for additional health education classes. The expansion plan also includes a blueprint for more parking spaces.

AMWA's regional business leader Teresa LeSiege commented, "We're very enthusiastic about our plans to make the health center even more comfortable and accessible to our members. Since our opening in 1987, we've been committed to offering members excellent care and services, and we believe this expansion will help in continuing to fulfill that commitment."

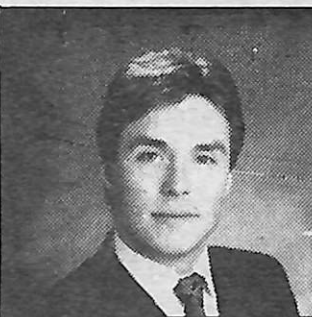
The design for the expansion, which is scheduled to be finished in June 1997, was created by Robert Petry of Stecher, Labau, Arneill, McManus Architects, Inc., of Glastonbury, CT. Contractors for the expansion are D.A. Sullivan & Sons of Northampton, who won the job in a competitive bidding process.

AMWA is part of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts and is affiliated with additional health centers in Chicopee, Longmeadow, Springfield, and Westfield. AMWA is a full service health center, offering adult and pediatric care under one roof.

Located at 230 Main Street in Agawam, the center offers evening and weekend appointments and free parking.



STAFF MEMBERS OF AGAWAM MEDICAL WEST ASSOCIATES turned out in force for the groundbreaking ceremony of an 8,000 square foot addition to their Main Street, Agawam facility. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer
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Question: Can a doctor of chiropractic do anything for numbness in the arms and hands? I've been applying heat and even exercising, but it only helps temporarily.

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This large plexus of nerve fibers is known as the brachial plexus. It provides you with the ability to move your arms (motor function) and the ability to feel temperature and give you your sense of touch (sensory). When these nerves are compressed or pinched, arm and hand problems, including numbness, are likely to follow.

The condition, called vertebral subluxation, describes a problem that is much more common than previously thought. Unfortunately, it is often overlooked. Commonly the alignment of the vertebrae is disturbed so that pinching of nerves may occur. Neck, shoulder, and arm pain or numbness may occur in the weeks and months to follow.

Some late manifestations of this condition may show up on x-ray examination. Localized arthritis and degenerative joint disease in the cervical spine (neck) often accompany chronic numbness problems.

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Stroke Support Group To Meet At Mercy Hospital In Springfield

Stroke survivors will find information and fellowship at monthly meetings of the Stroke Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

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Learn About Low Back Pain

Low back pain can be caused by many different reasons. It can be due to muscles, ligaments, joints, bones, discs, internal organs, etc. Just as there are many causes of low back pain, there are many ways to treat it.

Bodies are different; what may work for one may not for another. That is why I feel it is important to be educated — not only know your body, but know the resources available to help with low back pain.

If I have a patient who is not improving under my care, I will refer him or her to another professional for care. And the same with other professionals; they refer to me if no improvement is shown. I feel it is important to work with other professionals as a team, working together to help the patient.

I've been fortunate to associate myself with a wonderful group of people who care about their patients' health and who are excited in talking about their professions. These professionals will be providing a free lecture/discussion on low back pain at the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, October 30th, at 7:00 p.m.

It's exciting to go to a lecture and not get one perspective, but many different approaches to address low back pain. The speakers will include Dr. Thomas Kaye, a prominent neurosurgeon; Patrick Carley, a knowledgeable and caring physical therapist; Mike Mason, a wonderful massage therapist; Garen Stoehr, a certified athletic trainer; and myself.

I'm excited about this upcoming event — it's wonderful to share something you love with others. I'll be sharing my techniques of addressing low back pain from a chiropractic perspective. And I'll be just as excited to hear the others discuss their viewpoints.

Please don't miss this very informative joint venture. I'm sure you'll take home a wealth of information. Let me leave you with this quote: "If you don't take care of your body, where will you live?"

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

Fitness First To Hold Seminar On Back Pain

Local professionals will be offering their expertise on ways to deal with your aching back at "This Old Back," the first seminar in the fall Fitness First's Third Annual Community Medical Update Series.

This seminar will be held at the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, October 30th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Scheduled presenters will include Neurosurgeon, Dr. Thomas Kaye; Chiropractor, Dr. Tami Nelson; Physical Therapist, Patrick Carley; and Personal Trainer, Garen Stoehr.

This free event is sponsored by Fitness First and Hampden County Chiropractic, and it is open to the public. Please call Fitness First at 786-1460 to reserve your seat.

Nancy Dell To Speak At Fitness First

Attention parents! Fitness First and Nancy Dell have teamed up to offer a very important lecture to help our youth eat better and healthier.

Today, many people seem to have less time to sit down to eat meals. More time is spent eating snacks. What kind of example are we setting for our children?

As we try to raise healthy children, we are constantly faced with obstacles on how to get our children to eat healthy foods. Children need to eat properly to develop their minds and bodies.

TV 22's Registered Dietitian Nancy Dell has some new information and great ideas on how and what to feed our children! Come hear her speak on Tuesday, October 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. at Fitness First.

Call Fitness First at 786-1460 to reserve your seat. The fee is \$5 per person.

Annual Open House At Fitness First Slated For Saturday, Oct. 26

Fitness First Health and Fitness Center in Feeding Hills is once again pleased to announce their fall open house to members of the community on Saturday, October 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to stop in and tour the facility, try the latest fitness equipment for free, and take part in the fun activities. Non-members will be offered a special opportunity to join the club. A free muchie buffet will also be available to all visitors.

Owners Kurt and Paula Welker invite everyone to try out the facilities and see how much fun it can be. "There are people in the community that continue to think that they will feel intimidated by joining a health club. A free visit to Fitness First always eases those fears. People will see that fitness can be a lot of fun in the right atmosphere like this," stated Kurt Welker.

These free activities include:

8:00 a.m.: FREE Power STEP Class!

9:00 a.m.: FREE Young at Heart Super Fun Class!*

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Nursery will be open for your convenience!

9:15 a.m.: FREE Fat Burner Class!

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: WPKX Radio Live Remote Broadcasting & Give-Aways!

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: FREE Healthy Snack Buffet!

10:00 a.m.: FREE Spinning Class!*; FREE Kid's Clubhouse Halloween Party!*

11:00 a.m.: FREE Surprise Aerobic Class!*; FREE Two-On-Two Hoop Competition!*

12:00 Noon: FREE Spinning Class!; FREE Walleyball Competition (FREE Fitness First T-Shirt to winning team!)*

Noon - 2:00 p.m.: Family Pool Party*

12:00 Noon-5:00 p.m.: FREE Body Composition Analysis!*; FREE Blood Pressure Checks!*

1:00 p.m.: FREE Hap Ki Do Demo!; FREE Bench Press Competition!*

3:00 p.m.: FREE Spinning Class!

To participate in the above events, call Fitness First at (413) 786-1460 or drop by on Saturday, October 26th between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Medical West Assoc. To X-Ray Halloween Candy For Children

The staff of the radiology departments at Medical West Associates in Chicopee, Springfield, and Agawam have a special treat for area children this Halloween. To ensure peace of mind for kids and their parents, technologists will be on hand at all three locations on Halloween evening between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. to X-ray children's candy.

"These days, it's tough to know which treats are safe for children," said Medical West's radiology department director Linda Himmelreich. "X-raying the candy eliminates the guesswork. We're pleased to offer this free service to the community."

Himmelreich also noted that, in addition to offering a free candy diagnosis, Medical West will give each child a healthy treat.

Medical West Associates of Agawam, Chicopee, and Springfield are part of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, which operates additional health centers in Longmeadow and Westfield.

For more information, call (413) 598-7132.


Agawam Senior Ctr. Schedules Annual "Health Expo"

The Agawam Senior Center will hold its annual Health Expo on Tuesday, October 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Every year, dozens of Health Care providers, Social Service agencies, and local businesses participate in the Health Expo. Admission is free, and there will be blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, vision and hearing exams, fitness tests, and much more.

Call the Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242, for more information or to make transportation and/or lunch reservations.

All the hometown news with us.



Food for Thought
 by Nancy Dell
 Registered Dietician

"Sweet" News For Chocolate Lovers

Chocolate lovers, cheer up! Your favorite fix may not be so bad.

Researchers at the University of California-Davis, say a substance in chocolate may help prevent heart disease. Laboratory tests show that chocolate contains a chemical called phenol, which prevents clogging of the arteries. Red wine also contains phenol.

U.C. Davis researcher Andrew Waterhouse says, "Chocolate is not just sugar and fat; it also contains phenol from plants. Then, if phenols prove to be beneficial to our health, then chocolate will have some health benefits as well as taste good."

But wait! Before you think "a candy bar a day, keeps the doctor away," dietitians warn that chocolate still has some drawbacks, so celebrate with caution.

Chandra Carty, RD, says, "A lot of people may misinterpret the results from the study and go out and buy some chocolate; but if they do, they may increase their risk of other problems later on. For instance, chocolate is very, very high in calories, and it's also high in fat and saturated fat."

Chocolate and red wine aren't the only foods that contain phenols; they're also in coffee and some fruits and teas. According to the study, 1½ ounces of milk chocolate (about the amount in one candy bar) can have the same protective effects as five ounces (or one glass) of red wine.

And, for those of you whose passion runs deep and dark, you'll be glad to know that the darker the chocolate, the higher the amount of phenol.

But watch out if you tend to put on weight. The 1½ ounces of chocolate contain 250 calories. Add that to your daily diet and you'll gain one-half pound a week. That's not good for your heart.

For nutritional counseling and seminars, call Nancy Dell, MS, RD, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, (413) 786-2957.

La Leche League To Meet October 21st

"Are there foods I should avoid if I breastfeed my baby?" This and many other questions will be answered with the latest medical research and personal experience at the Agawam-West Springfield La Leche League monthly meeting on October 21, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran in West Springfield.

The discussion will include suggestions about nutrition for nursing mothers and their families, as well as information about weaning the breastfed baby.

For further information, call Chris at 736-3238.

Diabetes Support At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Diabetes Support Group will meet Tuesday, October 22nd, at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room A (located on the ground floor of the hospital). Dr. Marc A. Fisher, Podiatrist, will speak on "Diabetes and Your Feet."

The monthly Diabetes Support Group is free and open to individuals with diabetes and their spouse or support persons.

For more information about the Diabetes Support Group, please call 568-2811, extension 5850.

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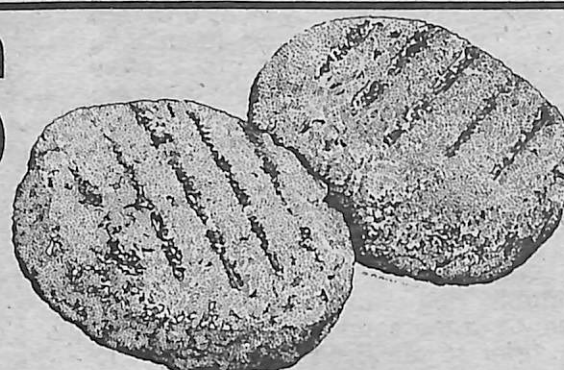


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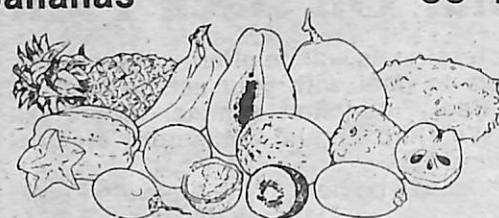


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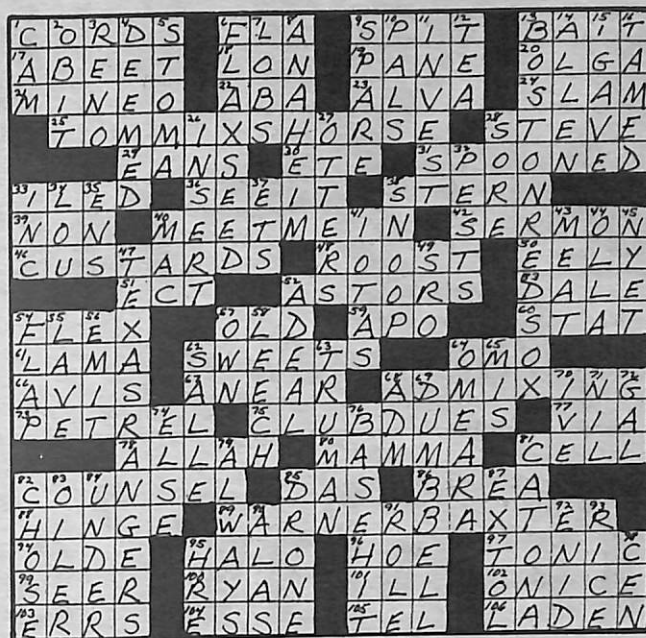


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 - 20 O.J.'s trial judge
 - 21 Word for "the tops"
 - 22 Word for Dennis
 - 23 Renter
 - 25 Enervates
 - 27 "The Lady — Tramp"
 - 28 Neophyte pilot's high point
 - 29 "— Impossible" (song)
 - 32 "It's — Mad World"
 - 35 Burden
 - 36 Female sandpiper
 - 37 Gifted Friedrich
 - 42 Pub serving
 - 43 Coastal raptor
 - 44 Lease
 - 45 "— Diem"
 - 46 Change course
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 - 50 Nocturnal yowler
 - 54 Tons and tons
 - 57 In want
 - 59 "Exodus" hero
 - 60 Rave for Richard
 - 64 See 68 A
 - 65 Perry's creator
 - 66 Former British Empire, "Sierra —"
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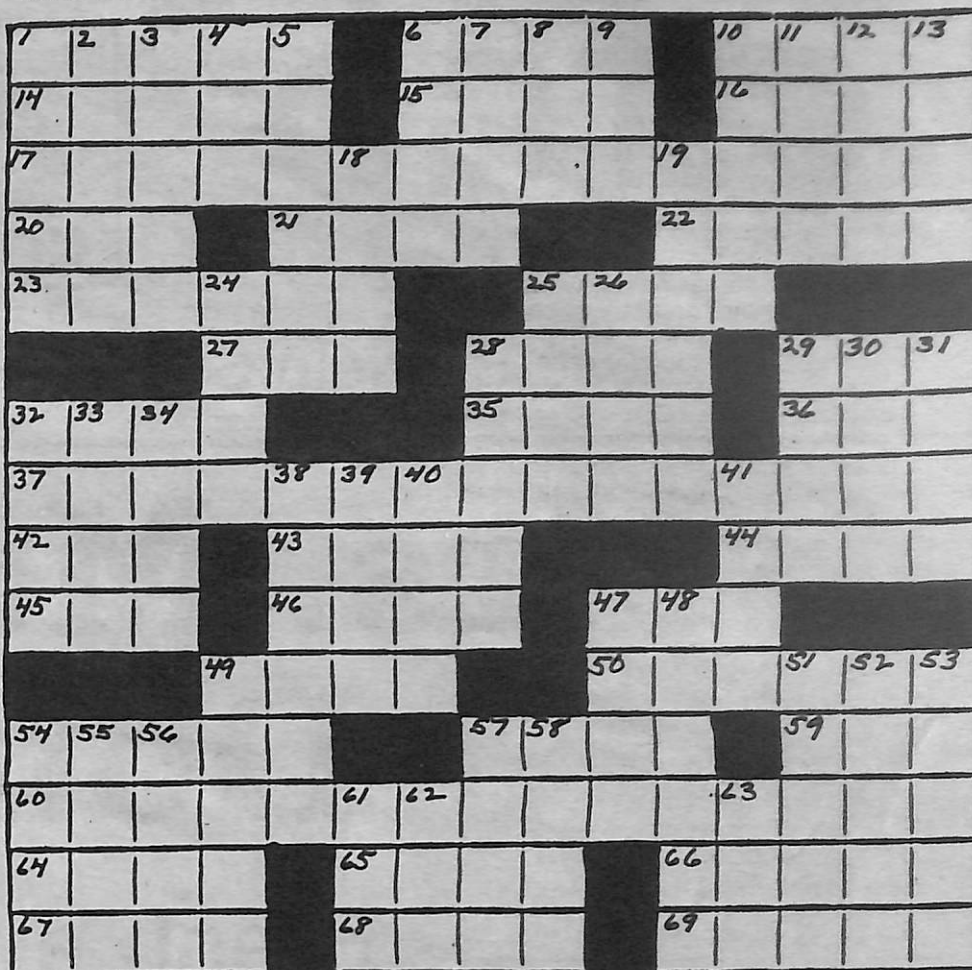
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- 5 Fortifications
- 6 Procrastinator's word
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- 10 Destroys
- 11 Harem rooms
- 12 Place to shop
- 13 Pretentious
- 18 Jot
- 19 Go against
- 24 V.I.P. assistant
- 25 "The — of Katie Elder"
- 26 Grads
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- 29 "Dies —"
- 30 Part of TVA (abbr.)
- 31 Pew
- 32 Urgent shipping instruction
- 33 Stubborn one
- 34 Mimer
- 38 Change
- 39 Angry
- 40 Wallet fillers
- 41 Lop off
- 47 Handle cargo
- 48 Red colors
- 49 Build a wing? (2 wds.)
- 51 Birch bark
- 52 Omni or MSG
- 53 Spent
- 54 Seagoing man - slang

MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



- 55 Composer Porter
- 56 Put chips in
- 57 Haul on
- 58 Spread in a tub
- 61 Agent for short
- 62 Monk's title
- 63 "— me to the church on time"

'Deadly' Play!!!



EVERYONE HEADS FOR COVER WHEN Detective Cambridge (Rich Anderson, center) comes to investigate the "Decidedly Deadly" happenings at The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The final performances for this Hilltop Players' production are October 18th and 19th at 7:30 p.m. Call (413) 789-2026 for reservations.

Townfolk turn our pages for all the hometown news...

Big Coin Show At Dante Club Coming Sunday, Oct. 27th

An important way to acquire information about a subject is to talk to knowledgeable people who are willing to spend the time to educate us.

Coin shows offer the public many knowledgeable dealers who enjoy sharing years of information to educate the public about coins. Beside their monetary value, coins contain our country's history and art.

Coin shows offer the public a valuable service by giving free verbal appraisals of coins and numismatic items. Many valuable coins have been found in unlikely places. An 1870's Half Dime was found in a junk box and sold for \$425,000. How many people have coins stashed away which may be worth more than you realize?

Some of the most important advice given by dealers is how to preserve coins and what not to do to your coins such as cleaning them to look pretty.

The upcoming show on October 27, 1996 at the Dante Club on Baldwin Street (across from the Eastern States Exposition) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. is an excellent opportunity for the public to educate themselves free of charge.

Please bring your questions and any coins you wish to have appraised to the show.

"First Friday Series" To Present Program By Interpretive Naturalist

The Agawam Cultural Council will sponsor John Green, an interpretive naturalist, for its "First Friday" program on November 1, 1996.

The program will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library and is free and open to the public.

Mr. Green's presentation will cover Glacier National Park with slides, music, and a narration. He also has a shortened view of the Everglades which he will be prepared to show. This will cover the gamut from the very cold to the very warm and should be of interest to all — both young and old.

The program is supported, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council as administered by the Agawam Cultural Council.

Check our classified pages



EVERYONE HAS A REASON TO LOOK GUILTY in the Suffield Players' murder mystery "Postmortem."

"Postmortem" Is Now Under Way For The Suffield Players

What's a good whodunit without lots of "who's" who, well, could have done it? And there's an abundance of "who's" in the Suffield Players' current production of "Postmortem." Seven suspects, to be exact, are all in the lineup each Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. through November 2nd at historic Mapleton Hall in Suffield, CT.

Was it Bobby, the hotheaded and ambitious young actor, or May, his moody girlfriend? Maybe it was Leo, the skirt-chasing brother-in-law, or maybe Marion, his long-suffering wife?

Perhaps it was Louise, the actress-turned-mystic, or the old maiden aunt, Lilly? It might even have been their host, the self-styled sleuth, William Gillette. If all else fails, there's always the butler, McCready!

We've given you your first clues, now come and see if you're right! Call for tickets (which are \$10 each) at 1-800-289-6148. Join us, for the game is afoot!



Education

New "Career Center" At AHS Called Important To Town's Schools

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

By the time they get to high school, most students have some idea of what they'll be doing after graduation. But, whether they plan to continue their education or enter the work force, few students have a realistic view of what it will take to achieve their career goals, what it's like to actually work at their "dream job," or what the prospects are for obtaining employment in their chosen field. That's about to change for students at Agawam High School.

At the newly-opened Career Center, adjacent to the school's Guidance Office, students can use a computer program to identify their career interests, research the educational requirements for their chosen career, find out about college costs, and even watch a video depicting a typical day on the job in an actual work place.

AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski said the center is a cooperative effort between the High School and the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (LPVEC).

Zabielski said the center is an important piece for the entire school system.

"We're assessing our students for careers and for the first time, guidance counselors are going to base their course choices on the requirements of these career choices," Zabielski said.

Recently appointed as the AHS School to Career Coordinator, veteran AHS educator Carol Grady said the career center is aimed at providing four years of career planning so that students will leave the High School with the skills they will need to succeed in the work place as well as at college.

Mrs. Grady said the idea is not just to get the students to the end of the runway, but to prepare them for take-off.

Continued Education A Must

"In the past, students seemed to see the goal

was their diploma rather than preparation for a career. It's a high tech world and the kids can't leave high school thinking they are done with education. They have to understand they'll need to continue education into adulthood," Mrs. Grady said.

Working with LPVEC school liaison Diana Robbins, Mrs. Grady administered the career interest survey in all the ninth grade English classes to use as the basis for advising students on their course work choices by identifying their individual strengths, weaknesses, and interests.

As part of their required course of study in English, all ninth graders prepare a research project on a career they might be interested in.

English teacher James White said the career research project is an opportunity for the kids to discover the amount of education required as well as the salary ranges attached to some careers.

"Sometimes they're surprised to find out there is good money in jobs like culinary arts," Mr. White said. "Now with this center, it's going to be that much easier for the kids to plug into the information."

Teaching ninth grade English for the first time this year, Kathleen Mounemneh said the career center would be an important resource for her students.

"Sometimes the kids think they want one career, but doing the research often leads them to another related area," Mrs. Mounemneh said. "They know they have to start making decisions about the rest of their lives."

Mrs. Grady said the career center is targeting the class of 2000 as the first class to have four years of career planning, but the career center's services are open to any student wishing to access information on career pathways.

Besides providing the students with career information at the school, Mrs. Grady is working with the Agawam Chamber of Commerce to provide jobs shadowing, mentoring, and internships to qualified students.

"There are so many positive opportunities for positive outcomes for everyone," Ms. Robbins said. "We need everybody to a part of this. These students are our greatest natural resource."



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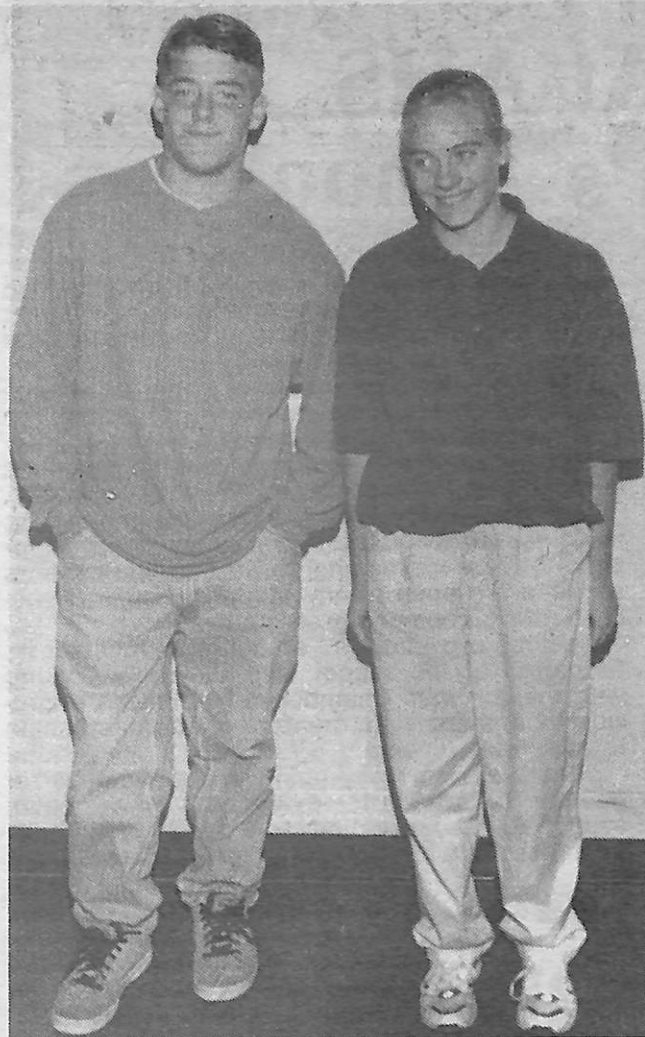
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VETERAN AGAWAM HIGH EDUCATOR Carol Grady is the director of the new Career Center at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Top Phys. Ed. Kids



TONY LECLAIR and TIFFANY BLACKMAN were named "Physical Education Students of the Month" for September at the Junior High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 21st: Cheese-topped pizza square, tossed garden salad with spinach greens & dressing, chilled diced pears, milk.

Tuesday, October 22nd: Hamburg and gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned mixed vegetables, bread & butter, fresh Mac apple or jello with topping, milk.

Wednesday, October 23rd: Steamed frankfort in roll, Boston baked beans, seasoned potato wedges, fruit cup or chocolate brownie, milk.

Thursday, October 24th: Taco boat with cheese topping, seasoned niblet corn, mild taco sauce, pear macaroon, milk.

Friday, October 25th: Sliced turkey sandwich in roll, golden French fries with catsup, cinnamon applesauce, ice cream cup, milk.


* **REMINDER:** Elementary lunch is \$1. (Tickets must be purchased on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: The Agawam School Lunch.)

Four AHS Pupils Have Been Named Advanced Placement Scholars

Four students at Agawam High School have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Examination.

Approximately 54 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP Examinations. Only about 12 percent of the more than 537,000 students who took AP Examinations in May 1996 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

At Agawam High School, four students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Kelly Carmody, Christy Dubay, Keith Jendza, and Scott Litchfield.



AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
Acting Director
AHS Guidance Dept.

1st Marking Term Is Half Over

The first marking term is half over and it's time to assess what your children have been accomplishing ... or not, as the case might be!

Warnings were issued on Friday, so do ask your youngsters if they received any. I mean, I'm sure they won't be chaffing at the bit, pulling your sleeve, or anxiously calling you away from your usual duties to let you know about their warnings!

If they did receive warnings, this is no time to overreact. Certainly, you are concerned, but discuss CALMLY with your children why they received them. Reasons are given on the warning slips, but it's important to hear your sons' and daughters' version. Give them ownership of their warnings.

If you make appointments with the teachers, have them present to hear the information that is gleaned from these meetings. As always, please contact the guidance counselor to help facilitate meetings and to help answer any questions. Remember ... warnings are just that ... warnings. There is still time to improve!

News from the Middle School from Mr Dacey. The fifth grade students at the Middle School have recently begun a study skills program. Each student was given two booklets entitled "How to Study" and "The Elementary School Counselor." The students were urged to bring these booklets home and share them with their parents.

The students in each fifth grade homeroom discussed the "How to Study" booklet with the counselor and completed a worksheet with the counselor's help. The booklet presents new ideas on when and where to do homework, doing well on tests, having a positive attitude toward school, and other topics.

"The Elementary School Counselor" booklet gives information on what kind of help the counselor can give students and parents and what kind of services the guidance office can provide. Parents are advised to make use of both booklets.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

College Representatives: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

October 21st: St. Joseph's College, 1:00 p.m.; U.Mass Amherst, 8:30 a.m.

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October 23rd: Holyoke Community College, 1:00 p.m.

Scholarships: See Mrs. Williams for more information and/or an application.

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship: Open to high school seniors who are residents of Massachusetts for at least one year prior to the opening day of the academic year he/she will enter college.

Candidates must have earned at least an 87 cumulative average over the past three years, be ranked in the top five percent of the graduating class, and demonstrate leadership in the school community.

One candidate for this scholarship will be chosen from Agawam High School by a committee selected by the principal. Completed applications must be returned to Mrs. Williams by December 1, 1996.

Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation: Open to students who are U.S. citizens and who have taken the ACT or SAT. This scholarship has been established to recognize and award outstanding student achievement. One hundred seventy-five scholarships will be awarded nationally. Deadline: May 31, 1997.

Boston University College of Engineering Scholarship Examination Competition: This competition will be held Saturday, November 16, 1996 on the B.U. campus beginning at 8:30 a.m. The top 12 scores nationwide will receive tuition scholarships to B.U.

Johnson and Wales University Outstanding High School Entrepreneur Contest: Open to students who own and operate a business or who have a great idea for a successful venture. The grand prize is a four-year renewable \$5,000 tuition scholarship to Johnson and Wales. Deadline: January 6, 1997.

The following colleges are offering scholarships to outstanding students who attend these schools: Niagara University, Devry Institute, Assumption College.

OPEN HOUSES: See Mrs. Williams for more information.

UMass Lowell: October 20th, October 27th, and November 3rd.

Curry College: October 20th and November 17th, 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Johnson State College (VT): October 19th, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Coast Guard Academy: October 29th, Algonquin Regional High School, Northborough, MA, 7:00 p.m.

New Hampshire College: October 26th and November 10th.

Keuka College: October 20th and November 9th.

University of Rhode Island: October 19th and November 16th, 8:30 a.m.; November 14th, 12:30 p.m.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: November 9th.

Isn't It Nifty? Kenny Is 50! Happy Birthday

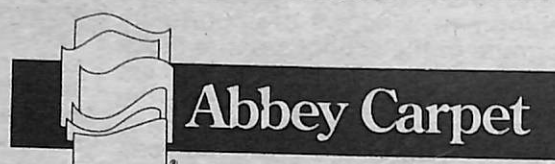


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State-Of-The-Art Computer Network Now Being Implemented At AHS

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Both staff and students at Agawam High School are opening new windows of opportunity thanks to an upgrade of the school's entire stock of computers and software. With funding set aside in both the School Department and the town's capital improvement budgets, all of the computers at the High School are being replaced with up-to-date technology.

Academic Coordinator for Computer Science, Russell Ramah, said all new pentium machines with Windows capabilities have replaced the 10 year-old machines in the Computer Science Department and the Business Department, and new computers are being installed in the drafting room and the library.

Also, each administrator and guidance counselor will have a new computer connected through a separate network to maintain attendance records, grades, scheduling, and health records.

Instant Access To Records

Frederick Messier, who oversees the administrative network for the schools, said the new system will give administrators instant access to student records and will provide a more efficient program for scheduling and keeping track of disciplinary, attendance, and health records, as well as producing more informative report cards.

AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski said the new system would allow teachers to choose from a menu of comments that will give parents more accurate information about a student's effort and absenteeism than the current number system.

"This will be a great benefit to the Guidance Department, who will have everything at their fingertips," Zabielski said. "We'll be able to schedule a new student and print the schedule on the spot."

Ramah said the computers used by the students and teachers will be linked on a separate network and will allow all students access to the same material and a central location to store files.

Ramah said the upgrade of equipment was taking the school from an environment using a system with no hard drive (using floppy disks) to a state-of-the-art environment. This will give students hands-on experience by building the skills necessary to apply for many jobs in the workplace, as well as experience in using the types of software they'll find at college.

"Upon completion of the new computer purchases, the technology capabilities of the High School will rank on top in the area," Ramah said. "Everything is new. Nothing any better exists."

Ramah said it would be the job of the School Department's Technology Committee to determine when the next upgrade will take place, but the current upgrade will take the school into the year 2000.

"We are making steady progress at the High School in achieving our goal as far as the state frameworks are concerned," Ramah said. "I expect by January the school will be outfitted with all new computers in the library, the writing lab, and the drafting rooms."

Planning to major in computer science in college, senior Paul Lalli said the computer upgrade means going from antiquated machines more suited to a museum than a classroom to gaining experience with the latest technology in use in business.

"We're finally getting enough money to get the new computers we need for all the classrooms," Lalli said. "We'll be getting to use the programs we'll be using in the outside world."



AHS STUDENTS Nick Christy and Gwen Gonyea use some of the new computers recently installed at the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Financial Aid Seminar At Jr. High Oct. 29th Set By Rep. Keenan

Representative Daniel Keenan would like to extend an open invitation to all residents to attend a seminar on financing a higher education. The seminar will discuss various aspects of financial aid and the process parents and students go through when applying.

The seminar will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 1996, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The seminar will focus on how to finance a college education.

A representative of Operations and Training at the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority will help parents and students with the financial aid process. The seminar will teach parents how to fill out financial aid application forms, the process of filling the appropriate forms, how financial aid is calculated and awarded, how to compare financial aid award letters, and making alternative financing decisions.

The representative is also familiar with MEFA's MassPlan program, which was designed for middle-income families who do not receive sufficient financial aid from traditional sources and who need help financing college costs. Since 1983, more than 37,000 MassPlan loans totaling over \$300 million have been issued to families through participating colleges and universities.

There will also be a question and answer period at the end of the session. Parents and families are encouraged to bring their personal financial figures so they can work along with the representative from MEFA.

Admission is free and further information or directions may be obtained by calling Rep. Keenan's office at (413) 786-4545. Any family interested in receiving an application for a low-cost college loan or more information can also contact MEFA at (617) 261-9760.

AHS Band Has Halloween Display Wed., Oct. 30th

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AHS Principal Invites Community To Help In School's Self-Study

Joseph Zabielski, Principal of Agawam High School, has invited parents of school children and other interested community residents to assist in a self-study which is currently being conducted by the school professional staff.

The self-study is a significant component in the evaluation process of the Commission on Public Secondary Schools for the accreditation of Agawam High School by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Mr. Zabielski noted that all aspects of the school will be evaluated during the self-study. Volunteers are most urgently needed, however, to serve on committees which will evaluate the areas of Statement of Purpose; Curriculum and Instruction; Student Support Services; Library Technology and Media Services; Administration, Faculty and Support Staff; School Facilities; and Community Support and Involvement; Financial Support; School Climate; and Assessment of Student Learning and School Performance.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges is a voluntary league of 1,860 public schools, colleges and universities, independent schools, and vocational/technical institutions. Approximately 680 public schools throughout New England are currently accredited through the Association's Commission on Public Secondary Schools.

The Commission works with individual schools to improve the quality of their programs at all levels through a process of self-study, evaluation, and follow-up activities.

Anyone interested in volunteering time or in learning more about the self-study should contact Dean of Students, Bernadette Conte, who is coordinating the accreditation process at the school. She may be reached at 789-1400, ext. 414, during school hours.

Robinson Park School Collecting Boxtops From Cereal Boxes

The Robinson Park P.T.O. is presently collecting **BOXTOPS** from General Mills cereal. We will be collecting them from October 1996 until May 1997, and will receive 15 cents cash per boxtop, up to \$10,000.

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In addition, there will be three playground companies coming to Robinson Park School to give us a presentation regarding their equipment. Anyone interested in attending these presentations is welcome. All presentations will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Robinson Park School cafeteria, and will run for approximately one hour.

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AHS Helps Open Pantry



LAST WEEK, AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL held a week-long canned goods drive to help the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry. Looking over some of the items collected with Principal Joseph Zabielski were students Christie Ronca and Tony Alfano.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Lioness Coverlet At AHS



AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB MEMBERS Marilyn Kane and Rosemarie Maniscalco admire the club's historic Agawam coverlet on display in the display case at Agawam High School. Looking on is Principal Joseph Zabielski, a member of the Agawam Lions Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Area Residents Graduate From Boston University

Boston University has awarded academic degrees to 5,305 students this fall.

Among those receiving degrees were the following local residents:

Michelle M. Auger of Agawam, BA in Anthropology; **Jennifer J. Maloni** of Agawam, JD in Law; and **Christie L. Scheve** of Feeding Hills, BS in Health Studies.

Boston University is the third largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 30,000 students in its 15 schools and colleges. The University offers an exceptional grounding in the liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, engineering, science and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research.

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Steven J. Bertolino Begins First Year At Middlebury College

Steven J. Bertolino, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Bertolino of Agawam, has begun his first year at Middlebury College in Vermont. He joins 520 other first-year students, drawn from 4,599 applicants, to form the Class of '00 at the Vermont liberal arts college.

Upon arrival at Middlebury, incoming students spent three days taking placement examinations, attending presentations regarding the College's 38 major departments of study, and getting to know other students through a variety of social and cultural activities.

They are currently enrolled in programs of study that will provide broad exposure to a variety of disciplines through a unique series of first-year seminars and other courses prior to the selection of a major sophomore year.

During their first week, Class of 2000 students enjoyed "This is Vermont!," a college program introducing the richness of life in the Green Mountain State. Students glimpsed Vermont's folk past at the College's nearby Bread Loaf campus, took a train ride on The Sugarbush Express to Burlington, the state's largest city, and dined on Lake Champlain aboard the Spirit of Ethan Allen II.

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Science Curriculum In Grades 1-6 To Include More Hands-On Learning

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

If the School Committee agrees, students up to grade six will be doing more hands-on activities as they study a science curriculum designed more as an interdisciplinary approach to learning about the world around them than a by rote memorizing of science facts.

Agawam Academic Coordinator in Science Robert Sartwell said with science facts doubling every five years, children need to know how a process works more than they need to memorize facts.

Rather than isolate science from the other domains of learning, lessons should be integrated with other areas to foster thinking and understanding as well as working cooperatively, he said. The new curriculum being proposed for grades pre-kindergarten through six includes a literature connection to ensure that science would not be taught in isolation, Sartwell said.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Ameruoso called the curriculum guideline "excellent for our children" and said the school department was fortunate to have Sartwell, who is on the state committee currently developing the assessment standards for science.

"The more hands-on based activities you have in science and math, the more the children are willing to learn and the more they retain," Ameruoso said.

Robinson Park School Principal William Sapelli

said the curriculum guide was the result of an investigation into the needs of teachers and students by a committee he served on with teachers Linda Morassi, Susan Avondo, Margaret Bitzas, Sheryl Mardeusz, and Joan Cassella; Tech-Ed Academic Coordinator Thomas Collins; and Director of Curriculum Initiatives Ann Favreau.

Sapelli said if the School Committee approves the curriculum, his committee would be back looking for the funding for the balances, microscopes, and other materials and supplies needed to implement the new curriculum.

Sartwell said the next step is to provide professional development for the teachers in order to make the new curriculum successful and then move on to the next level.

"My goal is to build a strong foundation with the younger children and then build floor upon floor until we get the curriculum done," Sartwell said. "I'm looking to get this implemented quickly and then go on to the grade seven through 12 level."

Sapelli said many of the books mentioned in the science curriculum's literature connection are part of the new literature-based reading series being adopted in all the town's elementary classrooms.

"Many of the books are already in our hands, so the tie-in is already there," Sapelli said.

Steering Committee For AHS Evaluation To Be Co-Chaired

Agawam High School Dean of Students, Bernadette J. Conte, recently announced the names of steering committee members who will direct the school's efforts during its self-study and the evaluation by the Commission of Public Secondary Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

The committee will be co-chaired by Mrs. Judith Lech, English Department member, and Mrs. Lorraine Alves, Math Curriculum Coordinator.

The other members of the committee are: Scott Macey, parent; Arlene Mazza, Business Department Curriculum Coordinator; Richard Joseph, Science Department; Rosemary Stratton, English Department Curriculum Coordinator; and Thomas Collins, Technical Education Curriculum Coordinator.

NEASC membership requires that a school undergo a self-study and formal evaluation at least once every 10 years. The steering committee's responsibilities will include coordinating a schedule of events for the school's self-study, collecting reports from various sub-committees, and making necessary preparations for the evaluation committee's visit.

According to Mrs. Conte, "The self-study will include the completion of a School and Community Profile which will provide extensive information about Agawam as well as the school and the students it serves, the development of a statement of purpose and expectation, and a comprehensive assessment of all educational programs and services within the school. The focus of the evaluation will be to determine the extent to which our programs and services carry out the school's statement of purpose and expectations and meet the Commission's Standards for Accreditation."

Agawam High School was last evaluated in 1988 and has maintained continued accreditation since it received NEASC membership. The next evaluation by a Commission visiting committee will be conducted in March of 1998.

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CHRISTY A. DUBAY

Christy Dubay Is Named An Advanced Placement Scholar

Congratulations to Christy A. Dubay, a 1996 graduate of Agawam High, for being named an Advanced Placement Scholar.

She recently received a certificate of accomplishment from the The College Board Advanced Placement Program in recognition of college-level achievement on Advanced Placement Examinations taken while attending Agawam High.

Christy is the daughter of Wayne and Sandy Dubay, 147 Northwood Street, Feeding Hills. She is currently attending Wheaton College in Norton, MA, as a Balfour Scholar.

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Decoteau, a junior Physics-French-Mathematics tri-major, is currently on leave from Alfred University. He is currently attending the *University of Quebec at Chicoutimi's* Foreign Language School, where he is studying the French-Canadian Language and Culture.

Several of Decoteau's achievements during the past year include receiving the 1996 Phi Kappa Phi Sophomore Book Award (which is given to the sophomore with the highest academic index) and induction into the Phi Sigma Iota International Foreign Language Honor Society. In addition, he is an Alfred University as well as Trustees Scholar, and a participant in Alfred University's Honors Program.

A 1994 graduate of Agawam High School and former American Field Service Intercultural Exchange Student to Mexico, he is the son of Patrick and Donna Decoteau of Feeding Hills.

College Financial Aid Night At Ramada Hotel In West Spfld.

A College Financial Aid Night will be presented on October 23, 1996 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Ramada Sovereign Hotel, Route 5, 1080 Riverdale Street, West Springfield.

College Financial Aid Advisor Chester R. Dziardziel of Feeding Hills will address the seven factors which determine a student's financial aid. The seminar will be of special interest to parents of all high school students going on to college next year or later.

A distinguishing characteristic of this seminar from others is that the information is presented from the parents' point of view, which is that of a "buyer" of a college education, and not from the "seller's" (college's) point of view.

Mr. Dziardziel is an independent financial aid advisor who consults to families throughout the country. He has appeared on local radio shows as a guest expert on maximizing college financial aid. He has taught college financial aid at Holyoke Community College and is a member of the Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

The seminar is free of charge. Seating is limited so please call ahead (786-4470 or toll free 888-443-8243) to reserve space and a free information kit.

If you would like to attend but are unable to on October 23rd, you may call to find out about the next scheduled seminar.

Philip Ginsberg Enrolls At Williston School In Northampton

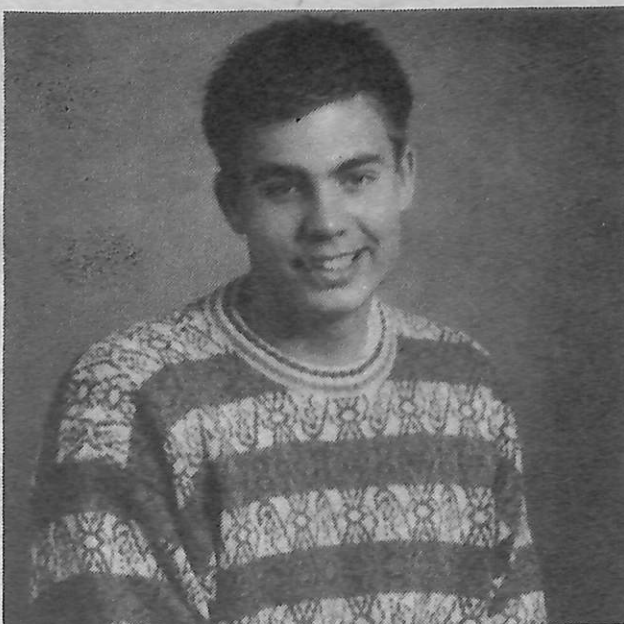
Philip Ginsberg, son of Paul and Catherine Ginsberg of Agawam, enrolled at The Williston Northampton School in Easthampton, MA this fall.

Philip is a freshman this year. The Williston Northampton School began its 156th year on September 10th with a student body comprised of 510 students from 31 local communities, 24 states, and 21 foreign countries, including Australia, Ethiopia, India, and Russia.

September's opening marked the completion of a year-long physical renovation, which included the remodeling of several dormitories, the installation of a new campus-wide phone system allowing students to have phones and internet access in dorm rooms, and changes in the layout of the school's central quadrangle.

In addition, the newly-completed Reed Campus Center houses the school's fine and performing arts, history, and religion departments, as well as the student center and snack bar. Landscaping crews are still working hard to put the finishing touches on the campus.

The Williston Northampton School is a coeducational boarding and day school for students in the seventh grade through post-graduate year. The school is located in the heart of the Pioneer Valley of the Connecticut River within a 15-mile radius of Amherst, Smith, Mount Holyoke, and Hampshire colleges, and the University of Massachusetts.



STEPHEN P. DECOTEAU

Agawam Jr. High PTO To Meet October 21st

The next meeting of the Agawam Junior High School PTO will be held on Monday, October 21st, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

All parents of Junior High School students are members of the PTO and are encouraged and requested to attend this meeting.

Please call Donna M. Shibley at 786-3888 if you need more information.

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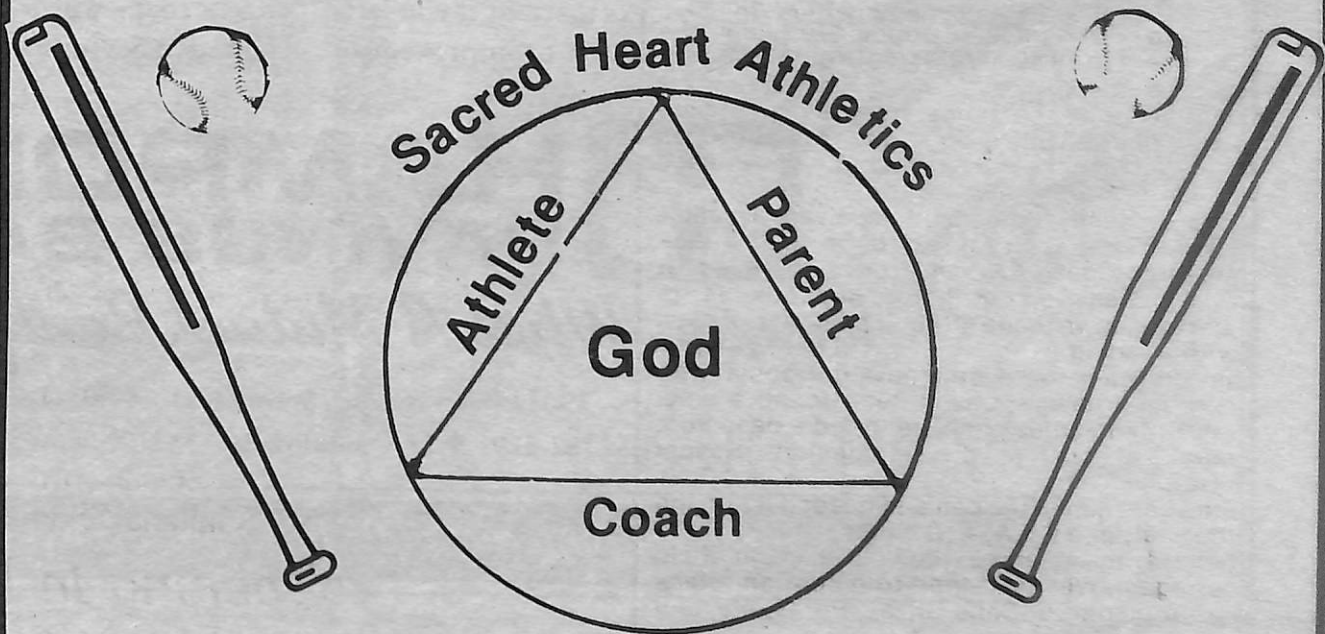
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Brownie Boys Stop Bombers To Stay On Track

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

You couldn't blame the Agawam High School boys' soccer team for being slightly edgy going into their game Tuesday night against visiting Westfield. They were coming off a bittersweet 2-1 win over Amherst last Friday evening. The win was sweet; the casualties they suffered weren't.

Before the game even started, Jason Jean's mother broke her ankle on the sidelines. Then, during the game, senior Todd Godfrey broke his right leg in a major collision with Hurricane star Rob Russell. "It's not a bad break. I'll be in this cast for four to six weeks. But my soccer season is over," Godfrey smiled before the Westfield game. Russell's leg was also sprung. They took him away in an ambulance.

Agawam started this one off by spreading out the field. The Bombers weren't impressed. They immediately went on the attack, working the wings. With less than three minutes gone, they got off a tough shot on the Agawam goal. But the Brownie perimeter defenders (led by sweeper Chris Bitzas) stopped it before it got to keeper Brian O'Quinn. At 33:10, Pete Csekovsky led a rush that saw another hard shot launched at the Brownie goal. O'Quinn made a smooth save.

Rich Rodriguez and Steve Rovithis were trying to work the ball into the Westfield zone via pass plays to various teammates. But the Bombers were jamming many of the passing lanes, preventing the Brownies from penetrating with any consistency. But the Brownie midfielders kept plugging away.

Finally, at the 28:14 mark, Todd Jorgensen took the ball right up the middle on a pass from Jason Jean, split the defense, and kicked the ball into the left corner of the Westfield goal, giving Agawam a 1-0 lead.

The Bombers ratcheted their offense up a notch after that and came back at the Brownies. A dangerous shot just missed the Agawam goal at the 23:02 mark. At 20:44, Westfield still had the pressure on. Only some good, hard work headed by Mike Forastiere and Dave Thomas got the ball out of the Brownie zone and out of harm's way.

At the 17:50 mark, despite the 1-0 Agawam lead, Westfield had spent more time in the Brownie zone than Agawam had in theirs. The Brownies did have another chance on a corner kick at 17:40. But a scramble in front of the Westfield net went for nothing. And with 14:30 left in the half, both teams settled down to midfield soccer. The Bombers mounted a serious rush on the Agawam left wing at 9:57. Tough defense by Chris Bitzas, his brother Peter, and Forastiere broke it up.

With 7:30 left, Agawam seemed to be doing more than their share of booting rather than passing the ball out of the zone. And the half ended, 1-0 Agawam, with neither team able to mount a sustained attack. Agawam had five shots on goals. Westfield countered with three.

Brownies Come Out Passing In 2nd Half...

Agawam came out passing in the second half, with Tony Alfano and David Thomas leading the way. Their efforts enabled the Brownies to get off some nice, thorough passes around the 35:20 mark. The Brownies had a corner at 32:26. But some good Bomber defense cleared the ball.

Then Agawam got into trouble. Actually, the trouble came the way of Alfano. He got a red card for some overly aggressive play. He was gone at 31:13. That meant two things. He would sit out the next two games. But even worse, the Brownies would be playing the next 31 minutes and change a man short — in other words, 10 on nine.

A minute later, Jorgensen received a yellow card. The Brownies seemed to be losing their composure. Coach Dwight Northrup yelled at them to just shut up out there. They took his advice and got down to the difficult business of playing with a deficit.

The Brownies were still having trouble with their through passes. Jason Jean found a solution. With 14 minutes gone, he lofted a pass from 40 yards out, towards the Bomber net. Keeper Nick Gardner came out to make the play. But Dave Thomas beat him to the ball and headed it into the Bomber net for a 2-0 Agawam lead.

At 22:14, the teams settled down to midfield soccer again. Westfield tried to mount an attack from that point. But Chris Bitzas, Forastiere, and

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Dramatic Rally Falls Short As AHS Bows To Holyoke, 28-23

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

That old saying, "Been down so long it looks like up to me," fits nicely with the Agawam High football Brownies. They lost their fourth straight of the 1996 season against no wins, 28-23, to defending Super Bowl Champs Holyoke High last Friday night up at Arthur H. Roberts Field.

It was a semi-replay of their previous game against Minnechaug, when they had a 21-point lead, blew it to a frantic Falcon comeback, and lost. Holyoke had an 18-point lead. Agawam tried a frantic fourth-quarter comeback of their own, a la Minnechaug. But it fell short.

It came about because the team did the same thing they did against the Falcons — they did not take care of the ball. So, the Purple Knights took care of them.

The Brownies started out with the ball and quickly gave it up, courtesy of an interception. The Knights got it at their own 20, moved it to their 37, and fumbled at their 45. Brownie tackle Darrell Malachowski pounced on it. That break let to a seven-play Brownie drive, highlighted by a 20-yard Phil McGeoghan gain on an end-around. The payoff was a 26-yard Tony Planzo field goal, and a 3-0 Agawam lead with 4:32 left in the first quarter. And that's the way it stood going into the second 12 minutes.

The Purple Knights intercepted the Brownies for the second time in the opening minute of the second period. Then, at the 11:46 mark, a 47-yard Holyoke bomb and the extra point made it 7-3, Holyoke.

Agawam took the kick-off. Some good "D" by Holyoke made it tough going so they had to punt. A bad snap on third and 10 at their own 33 saw the ball launched from the one-yard line. It landed at the Agawam 34. The Purple Knights took advantage of the great field position with a pass and two runs, including a one-yard scoring effort. The extra point saw the score stand, 14-3, Holyoke.

Agawam's next possession saw another interception — the third of the half, this time forced into double coverage. Fortunately, some timely Agawam defense prevented any more damage to result from it.

The damage occurred a bit later. Another bad punt, perhaps because it was semi-blocked, came from the next Brownie possession. It came to rest on the Agawam 37. A Purple Knight pass and a draw play delivered the ball to the 15. Then, on first and 10, with the Brownies thinking run, Holyoke secured its third touchdown of the second quarter.

Jaime Athas was split wide left. On the snap he went down and executed an inside-out move that put the Brownie "D" back on its heels. The point after saw the Purple Knights take a 21-3 lead into the locker room. It was a lead which seemed insurmountable, considering the way Agawam was playing.

Holyoke had just about everyone on hand convinced that they had the game in hand with 3:30 gone in the third. It came on the wings of a 21-yard TD pass on a fourth and five crap shoot. (Obviously, the Purple Knights felt they could do no wrong.) The receiver, Rafael Santos, camped in the end zone, didn't have a Brownie within 10 yards of him.

A Strange Thing Happened...

It now stood at 28-3, Purple Knights. The local faithful were thinking out, when a strange thing happened. The Brownies began to play some football. And it didn't take long!

At the 8:30 mark, they took the kick-off on their own 30. After some nifty running by Jeff Blews (nine yards), Brian Gallagher (five yards), and Kevin Perreault (eight yards), QB Eric Melbourne and McGeoghan hit on a 52-yard bomb. It was a sight for sore (faithful) eyes. Melbourne lofted it into the cool night air and McGeoghan, on a dead run, ran right under it. The try for two failed. But the score now stood at 28-9, Holyoke, with 6:14 left in the third quarter.

Malachowski and Mike Mangano led the Brownie defense against the next Purple Knight possession. Their hard-hitting efforts paid off when Michael Wing intercepted a sideline ball at the Holyoke 34.

Even though Agawam didn't do much on their turn, the faithful could clearly see they were getting juice from the play of their "D." Because when Holyoke got the ball back, it was three tries and a punt. The Brownies took over on their 19. Again, the infantry punched in and began punching out chunks of yardage: Blews for six, Perreault for four, Blews again for 10, and Gallagher for nine. At the end of the quarter, Agawam found themselves on the Purple Knight 47.

By now the Knights were run shy. That's when Melbourne and McGeoghan went right over their heads. This time it was a 42-yard howitzer job. The 6'4" McGeoghan grabbed it a yard out on the left

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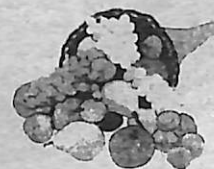
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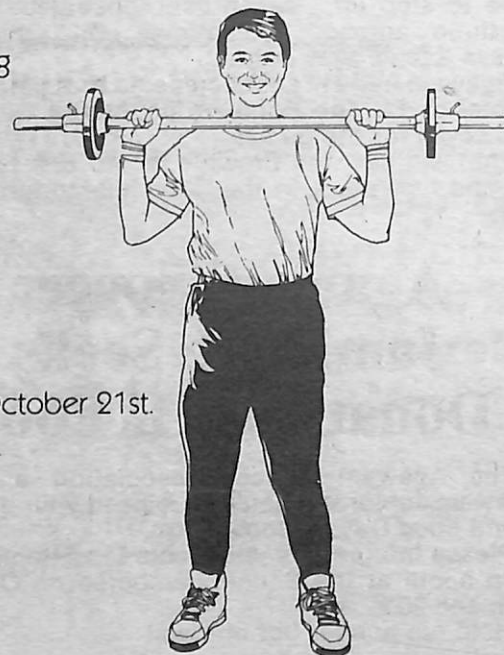
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side and flipped in for the score with 10 seconds gone in the fourth quarter. The score had taken 2:03 and covered 81 yards. Tony Planzo's PAT made it 28-16, Holyoke.

Purple Knights Walking On Their Heels...

Now it was the Purple Knights who were suddenly walking on their heels. They took the kick-off and after some serious mugging by Jaime Buiso, Mangano, Malachowski, Rich Skowyr, Wing, and Andy St. Jean, they punted. Agawam ran it back into Holyoke territory at the 40. There were 9:00 minutes to play in the game.

Again, Agawam took to the highway, starting the journey off with a 15-yard cruise by Gallagher. Blews followed with a couple. Gallagher motored for nine and six, respectively. All of this was being accomplished by a Brownie offensive line led by left tackle Malachowski (6'4", 220 pounds) and left guard Ryan Wilson (6', 190 pounds).

Blews got the final assignment of the drive and took it in from the two with 6:59 left in the game. The extra point saw the scoreboard read 28-23, Holyoke. The impressive five-play drive had taken 3:01, covering 40 yards. Suddenly, it was a ball game. A single touchdown, now, would give Agawam the lead.

After the kick-off, Holyoke managed to get the ball into Agawam territory (at the 44). The Purple Knights ran it to the 30. Then the Brownies "D" played inspired football and, sniffing their first win of the season, rose up and stuffed the Knights on two consecutive runs, bringing up a third and 20 back on the Agawam 40. A swing pass gained back 17 of those yards. It was fourth and three at the Agawam 24. The Purple Knights went for it. On a charge, led by Buiso, Wilson, and Blews, the Brownie defenders buried the ballcarrier a yard from moving the stakes.

Agawam had the ball back on its own 21 with 2:13 left. That was plenty of time, especially the way they were playing, to hit paydirt. They started out with a McGeoghan end around that went for 14. Blews slashed for 12 to the Holyoke 47. The Purple Knight defense was confused now, misreading, unsure. They were ripe for the picking, by pass or run. Agawam chose another run. A fumble at 1:40, recovered by the Knights at the Agawam 49, abruptly ended the Brownies' dream of victory.

Holyoke would desperately hold onto the ball, trying not to lose, while Agawam's time-outs ran out along with the clock. The final again, 28-23, Holyoke.

BROWNIE STATS:

RUSHING: Blews, 17 carries, 71 yards, 1 TD; McGeoghan, 2 carries, 34 yards; Gallagher, 9 carries, 66 yards; Perreault, 4 carries, 20 yards; Melbourne, 2 carries, 1 yard, sacked for 10 yards; Mangano, 1 carry, 2 yards.

PASSING: Melbourne, 17 attempts, 8 completions, 138 yards, 2 TD's, 3 INTs.

RECEIVING: McGeoghan, 3 for 92 yards, 2 TD's; Menard, 3 for 44 yards; Perreault, 2 for 37 yards.

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Jack Biscoe led a defense which knew they had a big lead and were determined to protect it. They kept the Bomber shooters way out, where they could take only low percentage shots.

Jean, Peter Bitzas, and Jake Blair put on a big rush down the middle at 10:25, forcing the Westfield keeper to come way out to make the save. A minute later, the Brownies attacked again.

Jorgensen streaked down the right wing, the ball on his foot. He spotted Peter Bitzas racing down the center of the field yards to his left. He passed the ball to Pete, who kicked it between a defender's legs and past the screened Gardner into the Bomber goal. Agawam was now riding an almost insurmountable, 3-0 lead. That's the way it ended. The Brownies, playing short for 31 minutes, had scored two goals.

"When something like that happens, you just have to step up," Jason Jean observed. Coach Northrup agreed. "Sometimes, that situation makes a team play better."

Agawam had six shots on net in that period, for a total of 11. The Bombers countered with four and seven for the game.

That win saw the Brownie record rise to 7-3-3, 7-1 and first place in the Churchill-Moriarty Division.

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Bitzas Playing Solid For AHS Soccer As Playoffs Loom Ahead

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High School two-sport standout Chris Bitzas is 18 years-old. He's six feet tall and weighs in at a lean 160 pounds. He's been at the High School for four years and takes Advanced Placement courses. Some of his courses include calculus, physics, English, and math. He also takes Italian. But his favorite subject is none of the above. Bitzas is the layout editor of the AHS Yearbook, *Sachem*. That's his favorite endeavor in the classroom this year.

He has two teachers at the top of his list - physics instructor Arthur Gage and his English instructor from last year, Rosemary Stratton.

Chris is leaning towards Worcester Polytechnic Institute when his days as a Brownie are over. WPI is an excellent engineering school. Though he isn't sure, Chris thinks his major might be industrial design.

He is currently playing soccer for the Brownies. He's the starting sweeper (a bit like a free safety in football - the last guy between the ball and goalie), and a good one. In the winter, he switches to basketball. His favorite, though, is soccer. "I play it year-round," he said. His favorite pro team is the New England Revolution of the Major Soccer League. His favorite athlete is Alexie Lalas, who is the famous sweeper for the Revolution.

When Chris gets hungry, he loves to chow down on his favorite food, a Greek pita of chicken and rice made by his grandmother, Alexandra.

If he could tool around town in any car, it would be a Jeep Cherokee.

His favorite hangout in town is any place he and his friends happen to end up, he noted.



AGAWAM HIGH SOCCER STAR CHRIS BITZAS.

As far as clothes go, he likes to go casual. "Jeans, Adidas boots, and my Dave Matthews shirt," he said.

He likes music by Dave Matthews (thus, the shirt).

His top TV offering is Batman, the cartoon.

His top flick is "The Crow."

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Tigers In Town Friday...

Brownies Have Strong Opportunity To Get 1st Football Victory

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High football Brownies will host the South Hadley Tigers Friday night at Harmon Smith Field. The Tigers will come in sporting a 1-3 slate. So, Agawam, at 0-4, might have a good chance at a win.

South Hadley will run an unbalanced offense — something they've been doing for a few years now. So, they should be good at it. Unbalanced means the "I" formation, power "I," split backs, and all sorts of wide receiver sets, including slots, wings, and triple wideouts.

Their quarterback, Justin Clark, will be a guy the Brownies will have to watch. "He's very good at operating that kind of offense," AHS assistant varsity football Coach Michael Birk noted. "He can run and he can pass." Clark can be rattled, though. He threw two interceptions last week in the Tigers' 21-19 loss to Amherst Regional. They'll also have to contend with senior tailback John O'Hara, who has speed and, though he's a newcomer, is a natural athlete.

Their defense is a basic 5-2. And they don't blitz much. Therefore, that type of set can be vulnerable to the pass. Thus, the Brownies will try to put it in the air Friday night. And while they won't feature any one guy in their offense, the combination of Eric Melbourne to Phil McGeoghan could have a big game. "We'll try and keep them off-balance, for the most part," Birk said.

Except for the usual nicks, bumps, and bruises, the Brownies are healthy. Senior Bryan Menard's ankle is still sore, but he'll play, mostly on offense. The continued improvement of Brian Gallagher on defense will allow Menard to do what he does best — play tight end.

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Brownies Give Southwick a Battle But Come Up Short In Field Hockey

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last Friday afternoon, the Southwick High School field hockey team's record read 9-1-1 before their game with Agawam. That lone tie came in September, 3-3 against Agawam. The Brownies came calling down Route 57 with visions of that game still fresh in their minds. However, despite a stellar first half, they couldn't duplicate the feat, losing to the Rams, 2-0.

You can't say the Brownies weren't primed for another big game. They forced a corner try with barely a minute gone in the game. Though it didn't work, Tara Bowler and Jill Pavelcsyk led a drive that kept pressure on the Ram defense, while Stefanie Fleming, Kelli Kunkel, and Melissa Berry effectively jammed the middle. Because of that, Southwick had to set up too far outside, where their hard shots on goal had less impact.

At 19:50, the Brownies were again putting good pressure on the Southwick zone. Southwick was still somewhat off-balance. But they are a good passing team, with the ability to break out at any time. They gained control of the ball and worked it methodically downfield. A crossing pass saw the ball teed up 10 feet in front of Brownie keeper Andrea Nolan. Nolan (21 saves), who is a good, experienced senior netminder, made a nice save on a point blank effort at 17:22. The Rams had several opportunities a few minutes later.

But Bowler, Berry, and sweeper Shauna Hadden were closing down the shooting lanes and deflecting the shots wide.

Agawam came back, led by Pavelcsyk and co-captain Amy Bilodeau. Even with some good, thorough passes, they couldn't cash in. But Southwick, quick to the ball and ever opportunistic, did just that at the 7:00 mark. A blast from the left point, which Nolan had no chance to stop, put Southwick up, 1-0.

Southwick On The Attack, Again...

A few minutes later, the Rams were on the attack again. They fired off a four-shot salvo from various angles in a 20-foot perimeter around the Brownie net. Nolan, with a little help from her defensive friends, stopped all of them. That effort allowed the half to end, 1-0, Southwick. Agawam had two shots on the Ram goal in the first 30 minutes. Southwick tested Nolan 12 times. She came up with 11 saves.

The story of the first half was simple Agawam hustle on offense and good anticipation on defense. They kept the Rams off their game for much of the half because of those two factors.

Two minutes into the second half, the Brownies had a great scoring opportunity go wide left of the Southwick goal. Turnabout is fair play, they say, so the Rams roared back and just missed one of their own, wide right of the Agawam goal. With 5:00 gone, a hard Ram shot hit the right post.

At the 23:00 mark, Southwick began to put on some serious pressure which would, save for a few Agawam efforts, last for the remainder of the game. That pressure paid off at the 10:08 mark with a score off the right point, to make it 2-0, Rams.

Agawam had one last gasp with two minutes to go. Co-captain Annie Bianca, Kunkel, and Allison Pratt brought it in to the Rams' zone in an attempt to get something on the board. But the home team stopped them cold and came away with the win.

Brownie Coach Carla Warner commented after it was over that her kids played a great first half. But she added, "I wasn't too happy with the high sticks I saw out there in the second half. I thought maybe some of my kids got intimidated by that."

Agawam's record, after that one, stood at 2-4-4. Southwick went to 10-1-1.

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Brownie Girls' Soccer Absorb Tough 2-0 Loss To Longmeadow Lancers

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High girls' soccer Coach Mary Murray sat on the bench, Monday, after watching her team lose 2-0 to Longmeadow. "I'm exhausted," she said. And she was. She coaches with a lot of emotion.

But her 5-6-1 Brownies had to be equally spent, especially the defense. Because they had the Lancers buzzing in their zone for about 36 of the 40 first-half minutes.

Longmeadow started out of the blocks like their tails were on fire. It made for some good early 'D' by the Brownies, especially Vanessa Galluzzo, who leveled a Longmeadow attacker homing in on the net with three minutes gone. Amber Conte also stood tall, booting away Lancer shots with goal written all over them. When the ball did get by, keeper Melissa Troie stopped it at the goal mouth.

At the 33:30 mark, Agawam tried to pass the ball out. The Longmeadow midfielders, anticipating well, would have none of it. Once again, they brought it back in, testing Conte, Jill DeMarco, Danielle DiStefano, and Galluzzo. All were up to the challenge.

At the 30 minute mark, Agawam managed to get the ball out and into the Lancer zone. The effort lasted for all of 30 seconds. For the next five minutes it was, to butcher Rudyard Kipling, "Lancers left and Lancers right and Lancers on a roll. But it was a thin orange line of Brownies who didn't give up a goal."

Agawam got the ball out at the 25 minute mark. Longmeadow had controlled the ball for over 14 minutes at that point. But the Brownie forwards couldn't mount any kind of sustained attack. Longmeadow had the attack - they just couldn't score. At 22:00, they were worrying the Agawam defense again. A feeble Brownie thrust at 21:00 produced a weak shot on the Lancer net. Then it was more of the same.

Half Ends At 0-0

A part from sporadic rushes mounted by Kristen Patterson, Amy Mastrolanni, Gina Loudfoot, and Cindy Alfano, the locals spent the final

portions of the first half engaged in a grim defensive effort. That helped keep things at 0-0 at the intermission.

It was no surprise to the local faithful on hand that the second half started out like a xerox copy of the first half. The Lancers were on the attack from the get-go. Once again it was gut check time for the kids leading the defense: DiStefano, Galluzzo, Conte, and senior Carrie Janik. For eight long minutes, they stood firm. They needed a break and they got it in the form of an outstanding individual effort by All-Western Mass. performer Kristen Patterson. She dribbled the ball out of the zone herself, brought it to within 20 feet of the Lancer net and blasted off a shot, which was stopped. Twenty seconds later, Aimee Loudfoot got off a tester. It was also stopped. But the Brownie offense seemed to be coming alive.

The inevitable happened at the 29:02 mark. The Lancers were once again on the attack. There was a mad scramble on the right side of the Agawam net. Troie came out to cut down the angle, got caught in the crowd, and the net was open. The ball bounced around and a Lancer foot landed on it and booted it home. The score stood at 1-0, Lancers.

Seven minutes later, Longmeadow scored again, on a corner kick. "No one marked the shooter on that one," Murray explained. It was obvious, the way events were going, Agawam was going to have trouble making up that deficit in the time they had left. Patterson, Gina Loudfoot, and a host of other Brownies made attempts. But it just wasn't their day.

"We were fortunate in the first half," the coach admitted. "The scores they got in the second half could have just as easily not gone in," she added.

With a record of 5-6-1 (1-2 in the Kurty Division), are the Brownies' playoff hopes still alive? Murray thought for a moment. "We'll probably need some help from other teams. But we're playing well enough against everyone to win. We just have to do it."

AHS Gymnastics Pull-Off Big Upset Of Defending Champs Minnechaug

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last Wednesday, the Agawam High girls' gymnastics team pulled off a big upset, beating three-time Western Mass champion Minnechaug Regional in a tri-meet, which also involved Gateway Regional. The final score was Agawam 120.35, Minnechaug 120.15, and Gateway 108.35.

Sophomore Lindsey Hadden took the all-around with a score of 32.4. She was followed by teammate Melanie DeMastrie with a 32.2.

DeMastrie, a senior, took the top spot in the bars with a 7.95. Hadden was second at 7.80.

These two are like peas in a pod. The vault had DeMastrie finishing second with a score of 8.55. Hadden was third with an 8.45.

The beam was tough for both of them, as each fell. But their performances were a third by Hadden (7.75) and a fourth from DeMastrie (7.65). It showed they can score even under adverse condi-

tions.

Brownie gymnastics Coach Angela Sullivan singled out the performance of Lisa Marsh on the beam as an important part of the upset. She finished fifth out of 18 girls with a 7.55. "She had no formal gymnastics training before she came to us. She's a dancer. Her showing on the beam was tremendous," the coach noted.

The floor exercises saw Hadden take first with an 8.4. DeMastrie fell and came in fifth with an 8.05.

"It was an awesome win over Minnechaug," Sullivan smiled. "We were neck and neck with them all the way." Then she added, "I told them not to get big heads because we'll probably meet them two more times this season. And they'll be tough ones, too."



JOSEPH SLAIMAN was named the head of the United States Martial Arts Association's Hapkido division by Sensei Philip Porter (left).

Local Instructor To Head National Martial Arts Association

On Saturday, October 5th, Joseph Slaiman was appointed as head of the United States Martial Arts Association's Hapkido division.

At a seminar held at Greenleaf Community Center, O Sensei Philip Porter, President of the USMA and the only ninth degree Black Belt in Judo in the Western Hemisphere, met with several high-ranking Martial Artists from several different styles to confer honors and rank awards upon New England Regional Instructors.

Master Joe Slaiman, who is the owner/operator of Automatic Transmission Center on Union Street in West Springfield, has taught Martial Arts locally for many years in the Agawam-West Springfield area and is well known for his demonstrations of Tae Kwon-Do and Hapkido.

Besides his new duties for the USMA, Master Slaiman has also opened classes at the Grande Meadows Tennis and Fitness Center in Longmeadow.

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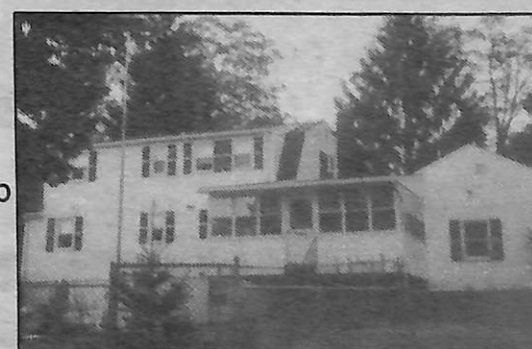
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JV & Freshman Teams...

AHS JV & Freshman Sports News

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Junior Varsity Field Hockey

A week ago Wednesday, in a rainstorm, the Agawam High JV field hockey team hosted and tied Westfield, 1-1. "We dominated the first half," JV Coach Beth Schroeder said. The score came from Sarah Latif on a scramble in front of the Bomber net.

Even though Westfield tied it in the second, the coach noted that through most of that half, the Brownies' intensity kept them busy in the enemy zone.

Last Friday, they traveled to Southwick and lost 2-0 to the powerful Rams. They'd beaten the Brownies earlier in the season, 3-0, so Schroeder saw the game as an improvement. "We could have played better, though," she added.

In all, the coach felt it was a good week. "There's still a lot of room for improvement. But the toughest part of our schedule is behind us. Our final five games are all winnable," she observed of her 6-4-1 club.

Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer

The Agawam High School JV girls' soccer team had a good week going 2-1, to bring their record to 4-5-3. Their first opponent last Wednesday was Westfield. The Bombers beat them, 2-1, in what Coach Lynda Kunasek called a "heartbreaker."

Westfield scored on penalty kicks in the first and second half. Agawam tied it up in the second on a goal from Elise Alfano out of a scramble in front of the net. However, with two minutes left, Westfield scored on their second penalty kick to ice it.

On Friday, they beat an overmatched Wachonah, 3-0, on goals by Diana Abdala, Kristen Lawson, and Shauna Suffriti. "I think our good showing came about partly because of the tough loss to Westfield. It was a morale booster," Kunasek noted.

Last Monday afternoon, they traveled to Longmeadow and beat the Lancers 1-0. "A super game for us," the coach commented. "They are tough and came in with only three losses," she added. The Agawam goal came on a corner kick off the foot of Kornelia Moysis.

"The kids are getting more confident all the time. And they're learning the 4-4-2 set-up I put in." Again, the coach declined to name specific players as standouts. "They're all stepping up and getting the job done." But she did note one of her captains, fullback Linda Roy. "Linda played a super game against Longmeadow when we went back on defense. She made a lot of timely clearing passes to help preserve the shutout."

Freshman Girls' Soccer

The AHS freshman girls' soccer team had a 50-50 week. They had a battle on their hands last Wednesday, losing 1-0 to tough Westfield at AHS. "We outplayed them. We outshot them. We hit the crossbar, the post, the goalie. We just couldn't hit the back of the net," Coach Mike Dobise said. He added that it was a tough luck loss.

They had better luck against Longmeadow on Monday, coming away with a 2-0 win. Both goals came off the foot of "Rocky" Rodriguez. She got her first in the first half, on a corner kick. The ball hooked right into the Pacers' net. "She's a good inswinger," Dobise noted. Her second score came in the second half. Marie Buendo had a corner. It sailed right in front of the Longmeadow goal. "Rocky" kicked it in. The goals were her first scores of the season. Buendo got the assist.

"It was the best game we played all year," the coach noted. "The kids stepped up, passed well, and controlled the action. And our two keepers, Jen Lock for most of the way, then Pam Gervais, helped preserve the shutout."

At this writing, their record stands at 4-4-1.

Freshman Football

The Agawam High freshman football team continued its unbeaten ways last Friday, whipping up on Holyoke, 36-0, for their third straight shutout and a 3-0 slate.

They featured the pass in this one. The first Brownie score came in the first quarter on a 32-yard pass from Brian St. Jean to Mike Martin. The two-point conversion by Jason Daigneau made it 8-0, Agawam.

Daigneau teamed up with St. Jean a bit later in the quarter on a 15-yard TD pass to make it 14-0.

The Brownies had two more scores in the second quarter. One came as tackles Jon Archambault and John Pleva teamed up to record a safety and a 16-0 lead. A 41-yard pass from St. Jean to Scott Harlin saw the Brownies increase the margin to 22-0. That's how it stood at the half.

The young Brownies hit paydirt again in the third quarter as Daigneau gathered in a 20-yard TD pass from St. Jean. A Victor Romano two-point run made it 30-0, Agawam.

Their final score came in the fourth quarter, on a five-yard run by Shawn Biebel. The extra points were no good. But the 36-0 final was.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH FRESHMAN girls' soccer team. Back row, from left - Coach Mike Dobise, Raquel Rodriquez, Nicole Mullaney, Amanda Tilden, Lauren Kunkler, Kaila Larivee, Elise Alfano, Marie Buendo, Pam Gervais, and Caroline Scherpa. Front row - Hillary King, Ann Paquette, Angela Roy, Jen Lock, Erin Sullivan, Kristen Lawson, and Amanda Galluzzo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Coach Kirk Parker and his staff were pleased with the play of all the kids, many of whom are products of the Agawam Youth Football Program. The coach noted that quarterback Brian St. Jean is doing a good job running the team. He also felt linebackers Russ Smith, Jeff Pickett, and Alex Almquist did a good job stuffing the Purple

Knights' offense.

The young Brownies' next opponent is at East Longmeadow on Friday, October 18th. According to Coach Parker, it will be a tough one because the Spartans run the wishbone.

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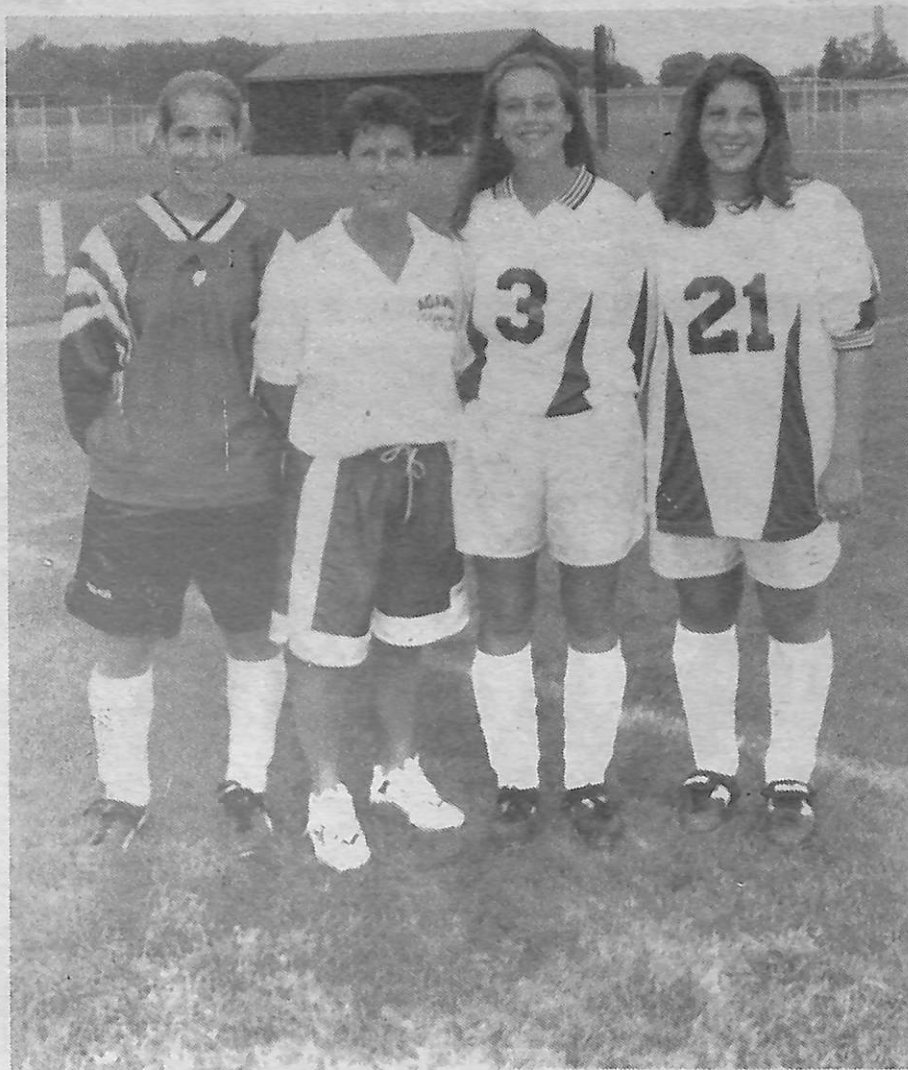
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JV GIRLS' SOCCER COACH Linda Kunasek (second from left) and her 1996 team captains. From left - Franca Bonavita, Cara Tierney, and Linda Roy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FRESHMAN RUNNING BACK Chris Scafuri lugs the ball for the undefeated AHS freshman football team in recent action. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Junior Varsity Football

The Agawam High School JV football team had a tough time of it at Holyoke High on Columbus Day, losing to the Purple Knights, 38-12. They got behind early, 26-0. "We just weren't ready to play," Coach Mike Birk noted.

The Brownies got on the board in the second quarter on a nice 47-yard TD pass from **Andy St. Jean** to **Anthony Planzo**. Another Holyoke score made it 32-6 at the half.

Agawam's other score came on a 70-yard run off a toss left, courtesy of **Jamal Hankerson**, who had 82 yards on the day. **Vinnie Curto** turned in 45 yards on the ground.

"We had a tough time running against them because they put a lot of guys on the line of scrimmage and blitzed whenever they could," Birk said.

He also noted that the defense, despite the score, played fairly well. "They were under a lot of pressure because Holyoke got ahead so early. They had to take chances to stop them from scoring."

The JV's record is now 1-3. They play South Hadley on Monday.

Freshman Field Hockey

The freshman field hockey team went 1-0-1 last week. Last Wednesday, they met the JFK Middle School of Enfield. "They were mostly eighth graders," freshman field hockey Coach Kelly Hils-tein smiled. The young Brownies won, 2-0, on goals by **Stephanie McLane** and **Anna Villarreal**.

They had a slightly tougher time of it last Friday against Cathedral, tying the Panthers, 2-2. "There were a lot of JV players on that team," Coach Hils-tein noted. Goal scorers for the Brownies in that one were **Sarah Vincent** and an unknown player. "There were so many people in front of the net, no one could figure out who put it in," the coach laughed.

She was impressed by the way her young players are improving. "They are working together, developing their skills," she said, adding, "I'm proud of them." She singled out two players who are making particularly fast strides — **Stephanie McLane** and **Amanda Sternowski**.

At this writing, the field hockey freshmen are 2-2-2.

Freshman Boys' Soccer

It was a bizarre week for the Agawam freshman boys' team. They were scheduled to host Amherst last Friday afternoon when a weird thing happen-

ed, according to freshman Coach Al O'Quinn.

"We were getting ready. I was giving my kids a pre-game speech, when (Athletic Director) Kathy McSweeney called me into her office. She was on the phone with the people up in Amherst. Their kids were not coming. It seems they'd discovered one of them had a case of whooping cough. So instead of coming here, they all went to the hospital. I understand they were quarantined, or something like that." He shook his head, partly in disbelief.

They went to Westfield Tuesday afternoon and came away with a disappointing 2-all tie. It was 0-0 at the half. In the second half, they went up by one courtesy of a **Jonathan Ashwell** score on a throw-in from **Joe Divirgilio**. They went up by two on a Divirgilio goal with an assist by **Barry Ward**. Then the roof fell in and the Bombers got the tie.

"**Derek Mercadante** played great in the goal for us, as did stopperback **Steve Hern**," Coach O'Quinn noted.

The coach commented that the Bombers' soccer field wasn't in very good condition. "We play a passing and control game. We weren't getting true rolls. That hurt our game." He added, "We

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AHS FROSH FOOTBALL QB Brian St. Jean takes the ball upfield in a recent home win.

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failed to mark some of their people. That hurt us." At this writing, the freshman boys' record is 9-2-2.

Junior Varsity Boys' Soccer

The Agawam JV boys' soccer team had a tie and a loss to show for their competition week which ended last Tuesday. First of all, they traveled to Amherst to play the Hurricanes and came away with a 0-0 tie. "We had some good opportunities," JV Coach Glenn Olson pointed out.

With 10 minutes left, midfielder **Dave Federico** just missed. **Jay Flood** had a good shot just miss with three minutes left. The coach noted that his sweeper, **Chris Trevethan**, had a good game. "Chris set up plays for the offense from the back line. We just couldn't finish off our shots in this one."

On Friday afternoon, they traveled to Westfield and took a tough 3-0 loss at the hands of the Bombers. "We played as well as we could against them," Coach Olson said. He noted that they only had one substitute because sophomore **Jay Flood** had been called up to the varsity. The tie and the loss gave them a 6-5-2 record at this writing.

On the week, Coach Olson noted that it was nice to see Jay Flood move to the varsity. He also noted that the field up at Amherst needs some work because it was slippery, wet, and not really an ideal place on which to play soccer.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL freshman boys' soccer team. Back row, from left - Coach Al O'Quinn, Ken Shaw, Matt Gaffney, Capt. Joe Divirgilio, Frank Decaro, Steve Bramlett, Mike McGrath, Capt. Barry Ward, Brad Theriaque, and Judd Patterson. Front row - Matt Quirk, Jonathan Ashwell, Mike Sullivan, Dom Montessi, Derek Mercadante, Jack Pearson, Steve Hearn, Capt. Dan Marsili, and Chris Andre. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Northrup "Assists" In Soccer Victory

Boys' varsity soccer coach Dwight Northrup teaches good passing. This past Sunday morning, he showed how as he had four assists, leading Agawam to a 6-2 victory over Springfield in the Southern New England League.

Mike Lyman scored two goals, and single goals were scored by Mike Knodler, Jr., Mike Schaeffer, Brian Chechile, and Walt Willard. Coach Willard's goal was Dwight's best pass of the day — a cross from right wing that landed over the goalkeeper about six feet in front of the line.

Although the defense gave up two goals for the first time, it wasn't that bad because the field was so slippery. The center of the field was again controlled by Mike Bodurtha, Mike Knodler, Sr., and Don Conklin.

Agawam's last game is this Sunday at Heritage Park in East Longmeadow at 10:00 a.m. An undefeated season is on the line, so the game is very important to the team.

Anyone who would like to play in the spring can call 786-7924 for more information.

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Youth Hoop Sign-Ups Slated For Oct. 28th

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Cost will be \$40 per child. Please make all checks payable to the Town of Agawam.

ATTENTION PARENTS: There will be a coaches meeting on Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam Library Community Room. Anyone interested in coaching is invited to attend.

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Upland Game Opener Is Set For Saturday, October 19th

Area hunters will be taking to the fields and woods on Saturday, October 19th, for the opening of the Massachusetts upland game season.

Pheasant have been stocked by the Division in open covers throughout Western Massachusetts. Wildlife management areas will host the largest group of hunters for the traditionally crowded opening day.

Rabbit hunters along with grouse and woodcock hunters will make up the balance of the sportsmen enjoying this long-awaited event.

Safety is and should be the number-one concern. We have had a very good record in this state regarding hunter safety. Let's keep it that way. Always keep the safety on until you are ready to squeeze the trigger. Unload the weapon before crossing streams or in any situation where falls could occur.

QUESTION 1 NEEDS TO FAIL!

If the animal rights crowd has its way, our sport will be in grave danger. Knowing that a total all-out frontal assault on our rights would be met with overwhelming resistance, these folks are using the back-door approach to eradicate hunting and fishing.

If you fish and don't hunt or trap, don't get complacent! Some of the groups backing this ballot question have already given themselves away in their official statements. Trapping and hunting

are not the only targets!

A complete ban on recreational fishing is the additional goal of these well-intentioned but thoroughly misguided people.

The makeup of the Fish and Wildlife board would change under the proposals in Question 1. Allowing non-sportsmen to replace dedicated conservation-minded professionals can only spell disaster for Massachusetts outdoorsmen as well as for the native populations of game animals.

The ballot question is designed to be an emotional appeal to those who hate to see animals suffering. These people seem to forget that it is the sportsmen who asked to have fees raised so that habitat improvement and other projects to benefit all wildlife could be funded.

It is the sportsmen who made possible the restoration of the deer population and that of wild turkeys along with aquatic programs such as the Atlantic salmon restoration project.

The consequences of banning trapping would extend beyond what the public sees first-hand. Animal control professionals who remove unwanted raccoons from your attic or chimney, would be denied the effective means to accomplish their jobs.

It does not show a lot of intellectual honesty to seek a ban on hunting bears over bait, when the practice has been outlawed in this state for many years. This is simply a distortion designed to mislead the voting public.

As for banning the use of dogs to track and tree bears, these people who seek to bestow human qualities on every animal that they see, have their heads buried in the sand. The bear population is burgeoning and steadily growing. Recent stories in area newspapers featured attempts to drive bears out of state forest campgrounds. A pack of bear dogs was used to chase the animals out of the area. Bear attacks on humans are growing more frequent as the population of both species increases.

Talk to your friends and associates. Remind them that Question 1 is bad for everyone, including the area's wildlife.

Sacred Heart Athletic Association Baseball Implementing Changes For Next Season

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association Boys' 11-12 Baseball League will implement changes this season, allowing players to play baseball similar to that of the Major Leagues.

According to SHAA President Brian Rheault, leagues sometimes implement "so many of their own rules and restrictions that they take the fun right out of the game."

Rheault said he and SHAA vice-president Fred Perry, who is also at the 11-12 league commissioner, discussed the changes and both felt comfortable with the move. The new changes, which will include leading for base runners, pitching from the "set" position, and keeping the ball "live," are consistent with the Sacred Heart philosophy of helping players to progress as they get older. "As the player becomes more mature (physically and mentally), different aspects of the game can be introduced and learned," said Rheault.

Sacred Heart also takes this same attitude and applies it to the size of their diamonds. "SHAA is unique in offering a diamond size that gets bigger as the child gets older." Some leagues require players to make a "huge jump" from playing on a

60-foot diamond to the major league 90-foot diamond.

The SHAA's philosophy starts a child on a 50-foot diamond, then moves to a 60-foot diamond, and finally a 75-foot diamond. "Each year, as players move into the next age group, they are faced with new challenges. Hopefully, we are better preparing our players to meet these challenges," said Rheault.

The 1997 season also promises "other changes," according to Rheault. SHAA teams will be eligible for the first time to take part in national tournaments. "We are investigating an association with the national Pony Baseball/Softball Organization. This alliance allows us to maintain our independence as an organization but allows us participation in their national tournaments. It's the best of both worlds," said Rheault. "What's nice about Pony Baseball/Softball is that they don't force us to adopt the rules and regulations that might not be in the best interests of our program in our community."

For more information concerning the Sacred Heart Athletic Association, contact Brian Rheault at 789-4792.

SHAA Announces Renovations To Begin On Athletic Fields

"To provide quality athletic programs, you need quality facilities, thus the decision to begin renovations on our athletic fields," said Brian Rheault, President of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association.

Rheault announced today that Sacred Heart has awarded Tony Meccia, Inc. of Agawam the renovation contract and that work will begin immediately so the fields will be ready for the spring of '97 season.

Rheault said the work is long overdue and will start initially with diamonds used by the oldest boys' and girls' age groups, respectively.

The cost of the project will be offset by fundraising, sponsorships, donations, and also by increasing sponsor opportunities within the Sacred Heart program. "This will be a wonderful opportunity to invest in the young people of our community and I hope businesses and organizations will be supportive," said Rheault.

Rheault said that support is vital to the SHAA because even though Sacred Heart baseball and softball programs are open to the entire community, they receive no funding from the town. "In addition to baseball, we are the only league that offers girls' softball. Without our softball program, girls would have nowhere else to play. These renovations ensure both girls and boys will have a quality playing field that they can call their own."

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Fordham Has 11 Wins To Lead The Tri-Parish Bowling

First place Fordham (11 wins) found a tough customer in ninth place St. Louis (6 wins) in the Tri-Parish Bowling League's Monday, October 7th matches at the Agawam Bowl. Fordham is being dogged by second place St. Anselm (10 wins), and third place Holy Cross (9 wins) is hanging right in there.

For St. Lou, there were three winners - second roller "Terrible" TERRY CERPOVICZ (huge 315, 97.5 in Women's AA), LARRY AVERY (310, 92.0 in Men's B), and Captain GLENN ADAMS (324, leads Men's AA at 113.4). The lone winner for disappointed Fordham was leadoff roller LINDA TOBEY (246, 72.6 in Women's C).

Struggling along in this match, held on Lanes 7 & 8, was Fordham Captain "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER (296, 103.3 in Men's Open Class). "Jollie" is desperately trying to come out of his early season doldrums.

Second place St. Anselm and third place Holy Cross hooked-up in this week's feature matchup. Each team had two winners on Lanes 3 & 4. HC winners were leadoff MARSHA DOBIE (257, leader in Women's C at 84.0) and second roller "Wild" BILLY ALDRICH (294, 92.4 in Men's B).

St. A's winners were tough third roller DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (314, 106.3 in Men's A) and Captain "Luscious" LOU MULDER (325, 105.2 in Men's AA). "Luscious" is trying to return to the Men's Open Class after being dumped down into Men's AA this year. He defeated HC Captain BILL "Burly" BURLINGHAM (319, 106.10 in Men's AA).

Over on Lanes 1 & 2, fifth place St. Michael (8 wins) faced eighth place Notre Dame (7 wins). St. Mike's winners were many in this one, including leadoff TAMMY VOGEL (274, 80.7 in Women's C),

JEAN BUONICONTI (317, 89.10 in Women's AA), LARRY FORTIER (294, leader in Men's B at 103.3), and Captain JERRY ALLEN (346, new league leader at 116.7). Larry defeated ND Captain FLO ROCHFORD, last year's Tri-Parish Bowling queen who also is off to a slow start (329, 93.0 -third in Women's Open Class).

Seventh place Catholic University (7 wins) and sixth place St. Mary (8 wins) were duking-it-out over on Lanes 9 & 10. CU had two winners - second roller CORI NAPOLITAN (302, 97.2 in Women's AA) and Captain BILL "Making Hay" GRAY (375, second in Men's Open Class at 111.3). He defeated St. Mary's Captain RICH SNYDER (308, 106.3 in Men's AA).

The two St. Mary's winners were leadoff MARIE LYNOSKY (288) and third roller JOHN MLINEK (293, third in Men's B at 96.2).

In the final match of the night, fourth place Georgetown (8 wins) and last place Boston College (6 wins) faced-off. G-Town winners were leadoff LOU NAPOLITAN (275, 89.11 in Men's C), third roller DEBBIE POIRIER (354, leader in Women's Open Class at 108.8; Debbie is back with a vengeance this year after losing her long-held women's title last year), and Captain BILLY "Boy" GRIFFIN (324, no longer the league strongman but still leads Men's A at 113.1). The only winner for BC was second roller DAVE ALDRICH (294, leader in Men's C at 96.0).

BC Captain "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK had a good night with a 321 to come back from last week's disaster. "Jungle" Jim is at 97.11 in Men's A (still far below where he'd like to be). "Jungle" promises to be more aggressive out there in coming weeks.

Parks & Rec. Dept. To Hold Registration For Youth Basketball

Registration for the youth in-town basketball league will be held on Monday, October 28, 1996 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA. After October 28th, registration will be held Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Recreation Office.

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Donations Sought For Agawam Cheerleaders

Last month, the Agawam High School varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders participated in a summer camp sponsored by the Universal Cheerleader Association (UCA). Three members of the group — Melissa (Betty) Almquist, Natalie Piccin (varsity), and Melissa Weinle (junior varsity) — were selected to represent Agawam in the annual Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's Day Parade in London, England.

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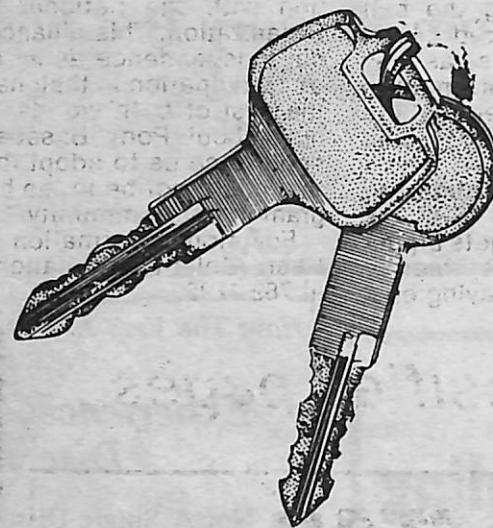
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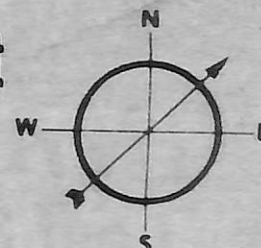
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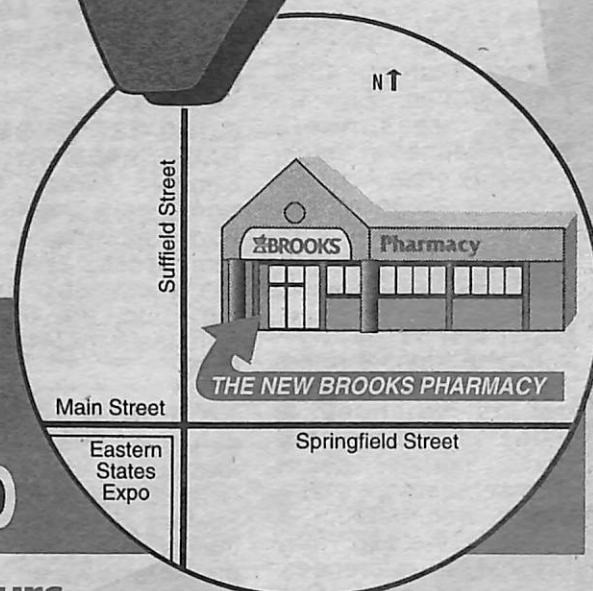
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